



Town of Groton, Connecticut

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Meeting Minutes - **Draft**

Town Council

Mayor Patrice Granatosky, Councilor David Atwater, Councilor Conrad F. Heede, Councilor Rachael Franco, Councilor Lian Obrey, Councilor Juliette Parker, Councilor Rita Schmidt, and Councilor Joe Zeppieri

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Granatosky called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Town Clerk Betsy Moukwasher stated that all Councilors were present.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Granatosky, Councilor Atwater, Councilor Franco, Councilor Heede, Councilor Obrey, Councilor Parker, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Zeppieri

Mayor Granatosky declared a quorum.

Also in attendance were Town Manager John Burt, Finance Director Cindy Landry, and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Beverly Washington.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2018-0121 Proclamation Recognizing Academy Point at Mystic

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Schmidt.

2018-0142 Proclamation Recognizing National Prevention Week 2018

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK 2018

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Councilor Parker.

2018-0139 Proclamation Recognizing Eagle Scout Kenneth Smith

PROCLAMATION HONORING KENNETH SMITH

Read

This proclamation was read into the record by Mayor Granatosky.

Recess for Public Hearing on:

Mayor Granatosky recessed the Town Council meeting at 6:39 pm in order to hold a Public Hearing.

2018-0097 Bill Memorial Library Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Application (2018)

Town Community Planner Susan Cullen gave a brief overview of the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. She stated that the Bill Memorial Library is seeking this grant to replace and improve the heating and ventilation air condition system.

Jane Guilini, 899 Shennecossett Road, stated the need for the improvements to the Bill Memorial Library.

Mayor Granatosky closed the hearing at 6:44 pm.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Portia Bordelon, 159 Shennecossett Parkway, introduced herself as a candidate to fill the current vacancy on the Town Council. She stated that she is a member of the Representative Town Meeting for District 2. She stated that she attends all of the Town Council meetings and is familiar with the issues of the Town. She asked for their support.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2018-0138 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meetings of April 24, 2018 and May 1, 2018 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

b. Administrative Items

2018-0122 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Anonymous - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Mystic Area Churches Assistance Fund - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Julia Campisi - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Daniel Eischen - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Stephan & Annette Finton - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Thomas Powden - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Elizabeth & Brae Rafferty - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Richard & Lee Ann Stiles - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Ronald & Margaret Stoven - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Fred & Gail Yeo - \$300.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Marsha Zimmerman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 John Falling - \$20.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Odera Taylor - \$10.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Dale Deflice - \$5.00 - Parks and Recreation Revolving
 Janet Thompson - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Emory Merrill - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 City of Groton Matching Funds - \$150.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anonymous - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Groton Bible Chapel - \$1,000 - Social Services Discretionary
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2018-0090 FYE 2018 Fourth Quarter Transfers

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2018-0116 Tax Increment Financing - Update

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2018-0117 Navy Housing Data Report Presentation

- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0090 **FYE 2018 Fourth Quarter Transfers**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0109 **FYE 2018 Suspense List**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0123 **Sustainable CT Certification Program**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0127 **Ordinance to Establish Operations for BYOB Establishments**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0129 **Discussion with Groton Shellfish Commission**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0131 **Request for Economic Assistance Funds - Rodgers Development LLC**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0132 **AARP Challenge Grant - Senior Center**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0133 **Assessor Update**
- This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.
- 2018-0135 **Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2019)**
- 2018-0136 **Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 2019)**
- 2018-0137 **Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 2019)**

Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Obrey, seconded by Councilor Atwater, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

Councilor Parker reported that she attended the Noank Memorial Day Parade, the Mystic Memorial Day Parade, and the Roller Derby event at Avery Point.

Councilor Franco reported that she attended the Board of Education awards meeting where many awards were given including Teacher of the Year.

Councilor Heede reported that he attended the Mystic Chamber of Commerce and Groton Business Association annual meeting.

Councilor Obrey reported that she attended the Groton Business Association annual breakfast meeting, now conducted in conjunction with the Mystic Chamber of Commerce. She attended the Roller Derby at Avery Point on June 2, 2018.

Councilor Schmidt reported that she received two telephone calls; one in reference to the traffic congestion in downtown Mystic and the other regarding a complaint about robo-calls from businesses.

Mayor Granatosky reported that she had attended the Memorial Day parades and the Memorial Day service at the Noank cemetery led by Captain Nault. She reported that she had attended the Golf Advisory meeting on June 4, 2018 where she brought a citizen's complaint of a broken

window caused by a golf ball.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that the RTM will be meeting for its regular meeting on June 13, 2018 at the Groton Senior Center at 7:30 pm.

c. Clerk of the Council

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that dog licensing has returned. Connecticut requires all dogs 6 months or older to be licensed every year during the month of June. A current rabies vaccine is needed and proof that the dog has been altered. The fee is \$8 for spayed or neutered and \$19 if unaltered. Licenses issued after June 30th will incur a penalty of \$1 per month.

d. Town Manager

Town Manager John Burt stated that the Town of Groton has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is the highest level of financial rating. He mentioned that the new Town Actuary will be attending the June 26th COW meeting to discuss Town retirement programs. He stated that the Town Attorney will be attending that meeting in order to provide an update to the Groton 2020 Plan. He mentioned the upcoming joint meeting with the City of Groton. He reported that he attended the Navy Exchange ribbon-cutting ceremony for their renovation re-open. He responded to Councilor Schmidt stating that Route 1 is a State road and that the Town can only pass on information regarding traffic issues. He mentioned the National Do Not Call Registry.

Suspension of Rule 7c of the 31st Town Council Rules

Councilor Heede made a motion to Suspend the Rules in order to appoint a candidate to fill the Town Council vacancy. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parker and carried unanimously.

Councilor Schmidt made a motion to nominate Aundre Bumgardner to fill the vacancy, seconded by Councilor Atwater. The motion carried with seven in favor, one opposed, Councilor Obrey.

e. Department Heads

None.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Personnel & Appointments - Chairman Heede

No meeting, no report.

b. Rules - Chairman Heede

No meeting, no report.

c. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Granatosky

Mayor Granatosky stated that all items on the agenda have been reviewed by the Committee of the Whole.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

2018-0090 FYE 2018 Fourth Quarter Transfers

RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2018 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Town Charter provides for supplemental appropriations to Adopted Budgets and transfers from the Contingency function during the year and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter also provides for the transfer of funds from one departmental function to another departmental function during the last three months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, transfers are necessary and represent unforeseen or unexpected expenditures at the time the FYE 2018 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that transfers totaling \$29,800 be transferred from Contingency (#1074) to the following General Fund departments/functions and transfers of \$10,000 or more are referred to the RTM for approval:

- Legislative Policy (#10018-5290) \$15,000;
- Legal fees and ad for Charter Revision Commission
- Town Clerk (#10050 5109) \$8,300
- Retirement of long term employee
- Executive Management (#10100 5117) \$6,500;
- Expenses related to hiring of new Town Manager

Refer to RTM 6.5.3

A motion was made by Councilor Parker, seconded by Councilor Franco, that this matter be Adopted and referred under Rule 6.5.3 to the Representative Town Meeting.

In response to Councilors Schmidt and Obrey, Finance Director Landry explained the expenditures.

Councilor Zeppieri made a motion to Move the Question because this item had been discussed in committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Schmidt and the motion failed by a vote of three in favor, Councilors Obrey, Atwater, and Zeppieri.

In response to Councilor Franco, Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher stated that the legal ad for the proposed Town Charter changes was well over \$4000 and that the bulk of this request is to pay for legal fees.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0109

FYE 2018 Suspense List

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 SUSPENSE LIST

WHEREAS, State law requires that once a year a list shall be compiled of taxes that should be suspended, and

WHEREAS, the accounts which have been determined as uncollectible have been contacted multiple times with no response, and

WHEREAS, placing uncollected items on the Suspense Lists helps avoid waste of money and staff time, and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers remain liable for all amounts that are placed on the Suspense List, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be added to the Suspense List as reported to the Town Council:

Town:	\$500,584.76	
Sewer District:	\$ 989.61	
Mumford Cove Association:	\$	0.17
Total	\$501,574.54	

A motion was made by Councilor Franco, seconded by Councilor Heede, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0123

Sustainable CT Certification Program

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE CT MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Town Council authorizes the Director of the Office of Planning and Development Services, or his/her designee to serve as the Town of Groton's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorizes him/her to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of Town of Groton; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an advisory Sustainability Team to be comprised of no more than five (5) members of town staff and representatives of other agencies or groups appointed by the Town Manager is hereby established; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Sustainability Team will be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Sustainability Team shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than twice per year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sustainability Team shall report annually to the Town Council on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with any reports and or presentations made publicly available.

A motion was made by Councilor Heede, seconded by Councilor Parker, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0127

Ordinance to Establish Operations for BYOB Establishments

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR B.Y.O.B. ESTABLISHMENTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GROTON:

1. Findings. In recognition of the growing practice of allowing patrons to bring alcoholic beverages to restaurants, clubs, meeting spaces, lounges and the like in the Town of Groton which establishments are not otherwise licensed by the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Division; the Town seeks to preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents by defining, clarifying and regulating this practice at such establishments.
2. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the practice of allowing patrons to bring their own alcohol to commercial establishments within the Town.
3. Definitions.

Alcoholic liquor shall have the same meaning as the same term defined in C.G.S. § 30-1, as amended from time to time.

BYOB Establishment often referred to as "Bring Your Own Bottle" means any business facility, such as a dance hall, club, restaurant, lounge, meeting room or association, not licensed by the State of Connecticut Liquor Control Division, wherein patrons twenty-one (21) years of age or older are allowed to bring their own alcoholic liquor to the facility and to consume thereon. This

designation includes any such facility regardless of whether such facility requires an entry fee, cover charge, membership fee or allows the practice only when associated with making a purchase at the facility.

4. Operation of BYOB Establishments within the Town of Groton.

a. No alcoholic liquor may be consumed on the premises of such BYOB Establishments between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 11:00 A.M.

b. No gambling, lotteries and/or gambling devices are permitted at BYOB Establishments.

c. The consumption of alcoholic liquor by visibly intoxicated persons shall be prohibited at BYOB Establishments.

d. The consumption of alcoholic liquor by persons under the age of twenty-one (21) shall be prohibited at BYOB Establishments.

e. Alcoholic liquor shall not be offered as a prize for any activity conducted at the BYOB Establishment.

5. Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00.

6. Relationship with other laws, ordinances. The provisions of this section shall in no way be read to substitute for, replace and/or conflict with the provisions of the Connecticut Liquor Control Act and/or Sections 4-1 through 4-5 of this Code.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB) Ordinance on June 26th at 6:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1.

A motion was made by Councilor Obrey, seconded by Councilor Atwater, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0131

Request for Economic Assistance Funds - Rodgers Development LLC

RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO RODGERS DEVELOPMENT LLC

WHEREAS, the Town has received an application from Rodgers Development LLC for a grant from the Town of Groton Economic Assistance Fund to help defray infrastructure costs associated with constructing 19 residential units at 10 Fort Hill Road, and

WHEREAS, documented infrastructure cost estimates total over \$83,000 for sewer line installation and roadway repair, and

WHEREAS, the requested funding would facilitate creation of housing in Groton, and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that taxes to the Town would increase from approximately \$3,000 pre-improvements to approximately \$56,000 post-improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Economic Development Commission has recommended approval of awarding an amount of \$41,940 towards the infrastructure costs, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves an Economic Assistance Fund grant award of \$41,940.00 to Rodgers Development LLC for sewer line installation and roadway repair

infrastructure costs at 10 Fort Hill Road to be paid on a reimbursement basis after satisfying utility and road specifications, addressing road access beautification, proof of payment to the contractor, and after a sign is posted indicating the project was helped by the Town of Groton Economic Assistance Fund.

A motion was made by Councilor Atwater, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0132

AARP Challenge Grant - Senior Center

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT FOR A SENIOR CENTER WITHOUT LIMITS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Senior Center would like to apply for grant funds in the amount of \$3,400 from the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund the technology materials to offer the "Senior Center without Limits" program and purchase laptops and I pads, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager or his designee is authorized to apply for the AARP Community Challenge grant for a Senior Center without Limits program.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Zeppieri, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0135

Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 2019)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GENERAL FUND TAXES DUE ON JULY 1, 2018

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a General Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$125,856,730, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimates cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2019 current property taxes will total \$38,359,146, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$0.00 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2018 to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2019 General Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$87,497,584 is the amount that needs to be raised from property taxes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due July 1, 2018 is hereby established at 24.17 mills per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to raise \$87,497,584 ($\$87,497,584 \div \$3,679,211,091 \div 98.4\% \times 1,000 = 24.17$ mills).

A motion was made by Councilor Zeppieri, seconded by Councilor Heede, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0136

Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 2019)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR MUMFORD COVE DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2018

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Mumford Cove District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$21,043, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2019 current property taxes will total \$0, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$0 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2018, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2019 Mumford Cove District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Mumford Cove District Fund on July 1, 2018 is hereby established at 0.34 mills per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to raise \$21,043 ($\$21,043 \div \$62,523,482 \div 99.7\% \times 1,000 = 0.34$ mills).

A motion was made, seconded by Councilor Franco, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2018-0137

Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 2019)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR GROTON SEWER DISTRICT FUND DUE JULY 1, 2018

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting has approved a Groton Sewer District Fund Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 providing for expenditure appropriations totaling \$803,445, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council estimated cash revenue exclusive of FYE 2019 current property taxes will total \$15,500, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$150,000 is hereby appropriated as fund balance available as of July 1, 2018, to partially meet expenditure appropriations contained in the FYE 2019 Sewer District Fund budget, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax rate for taxes due for the Groton Sewer District Fund on July 1, 2018 is hereby established at 0.27 mills per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to raise \$637,945 ($\$637,945 \div \$2,389,556,248$ (excluding motor vehicles) $\div 98.8\% \times 1,000 = 0.27$ mills).

A motion was made by Councilor Franco, seconded by Councilor Parker, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

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X. OTHER BUSINESS

Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher mentioned a petition from resident on Island View Avenue, Mystic regarding a blight issue.

Town Manger John Burt responded by stated that Tom Zanarini is the enforcement officer and he visited this site on June 1st. He stated that the storage container on-site is permitted. Mr. Zanarini did not find the property to within the blight parameters. Councilor Obrey expressed interest in exploring the Blight Ordinance and to expand the parameter to include backyards.

In response to Councilor Obrey, Mr. Burt gave an update on the repairs to the Par Four building renovations. Councilor Obrey asked for an explanation regarding the new demarcations for handicapped parking.

Councilor Franco mentioned that the New England Collegiate Baseball team, Mystic Schooners, are now playing at the Fitch High School ball field. She suggested that anyone interested should check their website for game schedules.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm, seconded by Councilor Schmidt and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Betsy Moukawsher
Groton Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Office of the MAYOR

TOWN OF GROTON
CONNECTICUT


Proclamation

PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING ACADEMY POINT AT MYSTIC'S
VETERANS' WALL OF HONOR

- WHEREAS, the men and women who have served and currently are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America have made major contributions toward the preservation of this nation and its people, and
- WHEREAS, the services performed by these millions of gallant Americans have demonstrated the willingness of our nation to meet the challenges of those forces wishing to subjugate individual determination through armed conflict, and
- WHEREAS, the nation and the free world are eternally grateful for the contributions of American veterans, both men and women, toward the advancement of the cause of an honorable world peace, and
- WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has designated the eleventh day of November of each year as Veterans Day, and
- WHEREAS, the residents and staff of Academy Point at Mystic will honor and remember all veterans on June 6, 2018 during a ceremony rededicating our Veterans' Wall of Honor Memorial, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Groton does hereby pay tribute to the resident veterans of Academy Point at Mystic for their many selfless contributions and congratulates Academy Point at Mystic on the dedication of its Veterans' Wall of Honor Memorial.

Dated at Groton, Connecticut this 6th day of June 2018.




MAYOR, THE TOWN OF GROTON

Office of the MAYOR

TOWN OF GROTON
CONNECTICUT

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING Kenneth Smith

WHEREAS, Kenneth Smith has been an active participant with the Boy Scouts of America for over thirteen years, and

WHEREAS, Kenneth's career began in 2005 with Troop 13 where he advanced through the ranks achieving the highest award as Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, Kenneth has participated in a variety of Scouting activities, earning many merit badges, and serving in leadership positions, and

WHEREAS, Kenneth enjoyed hiking, camping and fishing with his fellow scouts and learning life-saving techniques and leadership skills, and

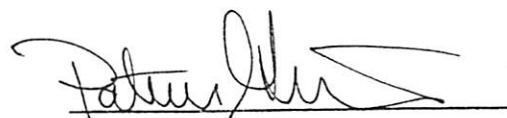
WHEREAS, Kenneth plans to continue his career with the Boy Scouts of America as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and

WHEREAS, having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, Kenneth will be honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held on May 26, 2018 at the Mystic Rod and Gun Club, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Groton, on behalf of the citizens of Groton, does commend Kenneth Smith for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouting, and extends wishes for continued success.

Dated at Groton, Connecticut this 26th day of May 2018.




MAYOR, THE TOWN OF GROTON

Office of the MAYOR

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Proclamation

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING National Prevention Week 2018

- WHEREAS, substance abuse and mental health are behavioral health issues that affect overall health and well-being, and
- WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAHSA, created an observance week to raise awareness of substance abuse and mental health across the country, and
- WHEREAS, while behavioral health issues are of national concern, National Prevention Week is an opportunity to raise awareness locally, and
- WHEREAS, data collected from the 2018 Groton Youth Survey, shows that 23% of current 11th and 12th graders drank in the past 30 days; 28% have tried marijuana; 8% have tried prescription drugs without authorization; 64% of teens say that their parent or guardian has clear rules against them using drugs; 15% report feeling sad most of the time; 19% feel lonely; 30% report recent anxiety; and 14% have felt depressed recently, and
- WHEREAS, although the survey shows an overall decrease in substance abuse, we have the power to improve and more importantly, change lives through National Prevention Week and when people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health problems and substance abuse, and
- WHEREAS, we in Groton need to recognize the seriousness of behavioral health issues in our community, the power of prevention, and the tireless efforts of those working to make a difference, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, on behalf of the Groton Town Council, I am asking the citizens of Groton, Connecticut to join me in observing National Prevention Week during the week of May 13th, 2018.

Dated at Groton, Connecticut this 5th day of June, 2018.




MAYOR, THE TOWN OF GROTON