



**Monday, March 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL - AGENDA**

Mayor Jill Rusk, Deputy Mayor Stephen Sheffield, Councilor Jean-Claude Ambroise, Councilor Nicholas Johns, Councilor Christy McElroy, Councilor Christine Piazza, Councilor Paul Norris and City Clerk Dani Baycura

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**I. ROLL CALL**

**II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND MEMORIALS**

**IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS**

Receipt of Citizens' Petitions is the portion of the Council meeting where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. To address the Council, please sign the sheet on the table at the front of the meeting room. When you are recognized, please approach the podium. Clearly state your name and address. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit email or written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to the City of Groton. City 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 meeting.

**V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee of the Whole, 2-9-26

Mayor and Council, 2-17-26

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

**VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**R-26-03-21**

**RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL FINALLY AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF A PERMANENT ACCESS ROAD EASEMENT FOR EVERSOURCE AT 101 SANDY HOLLOW ROAD, LEDYARD, CONNECTICUT, PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF GROTON, AND THAT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GROTON BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT**



**WHEREAS**, Eversource upgraded their transmission line that runs through the Ledyard Reservoir; and

**WHEREAS**, during construction, Groton Utilities granted Eversource permission to use the existing entrance from Gate #46 on Long Cove Road to maintain watershed security and access their structures; and

**WHEREAS**, Groton Utilities has requested that Eversource use the Gate #46 entrance for maintenance that may be needed on their transmission line; and

**WHEREAS**, granting this access would eliminate the construction of another access road and will minimize environmental impacts, protect the Ledyard and Morgan Reservoirs, and prevent unauthorized access points for vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton Planning and Zoning Commission approved the 8-24 on December 16, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on October 15, 2025, the Groton Utilities Commission/Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to move forward and take necessary steps to authorize a permanent access road easement at 101 Sandy Hollow Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, property owned by the City of Groton, and furthermore, that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur and take the necessary steps to proceed with this agreement;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council finally authorize the approval of a permanent access road easement for Eversource at 101 Sandy Hollow Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, property owned by the City of Groton and that the Mayor of the City of Groton be authorized to sign the agreement.

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**R-26-03-22 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINT MARY HOWE, 169 MONUMENT STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 2, 2029**

**WHEREAS**, State Statutes Planning and Zoning, Section 8-1 and Ordinance #41 states, "Appointments shall be made by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council"; and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for a regular member to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and



**WHEREAS**, Mary Lhowe, 169 Monument Street, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission and has been recommended for appointment as a regular member;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council appoint Mary Lhowe, 169 Monument Street, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member of Planning and Zoning Commission, term to expire on March 2, 2029.

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**R-26-03-23**     **RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KEONA STRICKLAND, 134 DRIFTWOOD CIRCLE, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 2, 2027**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for a regular member to the Youth Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Keona Strickland, 134 Driftwood Circle, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee and has been recommended for re-appointment as a regular member;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Keona Strickland, 134 Driftwood Circle, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member, Youth Advisory Committee, term to expire on March 2, 2027.

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**R-26-03-24**     **RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEGAN BISHOP, 128 MERIDIAN ST, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 7, 2028**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for a regular member to the Youth Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Megan Bishop, 128 Meridian Street, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee and has been recommended for re-appointment as a regular member;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the re-appointment of Megan Bishop, 128 Meridian Street, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member, Youth Advisory Committee, term to expire on March 7, 2028.

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**R-26-03-25**     **RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH LOUREIRO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC., LOCATED AT 15 THAMES STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, FOR DESIGN SERVICES, BID PREPARATION, & CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION / INSPECTION FOR ADA ACCESSIBILITY TO LOWER THAMES VIEW PARK LOCATED AT 343 AND 353 THAMES STREET FOR**



**THE QUOTED AMOUNT OF FORTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTHY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$49,947.50)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton received a SHIPP Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the purpose of designing and constructing ADA Accessibility to Lower Thames View Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Loureiro Engineering Associates Inc. was identified as a preferred consultant from a competitive bid process; and

**WHEREAS**, ADA compliance is required for use of the planned dock facility at 343 and 353 Thames Street; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize and approve a contract with Loureiro engineering associates inc., located at 15 Thames street, Groton, connecticut, for design services, bid preparation, & construction administration / inspection for ADA accessibility to lower Thames View Park located at 343 and 353 Thames street for the quoted amount of forty-nine thousand nine hundred forty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$49,947.50)

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**R-26-03-26 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT A DONATION OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$25,000.00) FROM MOHEGAN BASKETBALL CLUB, LLC, 1 MOHEGAN SUN BLVD, UNCASVILLE, CONNECTICUT, TO BE USED FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF THE BASKETBALL COURTS AT WASHINGTON PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton received a donation of \$25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents) from Mohegan Basketball Club, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the final installment of donations as agreed upon in the MOU dated 4/10/2024; and

**WHEREAS**, this donation is to be used for future maintenance of the basketball courts at Washington Park; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council accept a donation of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) Mohegan Basketball Club, LLC, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd, Uncasville, Connecticut, to be used for future maintenance of the basketball courts at Washington Park.



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**R-26-03-27** RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF GUARDRAIL FENCE AT THE SUBVETS WWII NATIONAL MEMORIAL, LOCATED AT 37 BRIDGE STREET, GROTON, CT 06340 BY WBE FENCE COMPANY, INC, 11 DEER COURT, BREWSTER, NY 10509 FOR THE TOTAL PRICE OF \$203,197.00 (TWO HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINTEY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS) AND A 10% CONTINGENCY OF \$20,319.70 (TWENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS) FOR A TOTAL EXPENDITURE NOT TO EXCEED \$223,516.70 (TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS) TO BE PAID FROM BUDGETED CAPITAL FUNDS

**WHEREAS**, the guardrail fencing at the SubVets WWII National Memorial is over 15 years old and rotting in many sections; and

**WHEREAS**, this fencing borders the parking area of this memorial keeping cars parked in a safe manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton solicited bids for the project; and found this bid the lowest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Parks and Recreation recommends this project;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize the replacement of guardrail fence at the SubVets WWII National Memorial, located at 37 Bridge Street, Groton, CT 06340 by WBE Fence Company, Inc, 11 Deer Court, Brewster, NY 10509 for the total price of \$203,197.00 (Two hundred and three thousand one hundred and ninety seven dollars and no cents) and a 10% contingency of \$20,319.70 (Twenty thousand three hundred and nineteen dollars and seventy cent) for a total expenditure not to exceed \$223, 516.70 (Two hundred twenty-three thousand five hundred sixteen dollars and seventy cents) to be paid from budgeted capital funds.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**