



**Monday, January 5, 2026 | 7:30 PM**

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL - Minutes**

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

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm. **Present:** Mayor Rusk, Deputy Mayor Sheffield, Councilor Norris, Councilor Piazza, Councilor Johns and Councilor Ambroise.

### **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 emailed 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.

Michael Boucher, 16 Hillside Ave. – Questioned the integrity of the seawall project, suggesting potential fraud in the Connecticut Community Investment Fund application. \*See attached comments submitted by Mr. Boucher.

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

### **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor and Council, 12-15-25

*Motion to approve: Councilor Ambroise. Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 5-0-0.*

### **VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Councilor Norris – Nothing to report.

Councilor Piazza – Nothing to report.

Councilor Johns - Nothing to report.



Councilor Ambroise – Bid all a happy new year, informed residents of Complete Streets initiative meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> to advocate for increased bicycle pathways. Reminded residents of both upcoming City Democrat and Republican Committee political caucuses.

Deputy Mayor Sheffield - Nothing to report.

Mayor Rusk – Encouraged all to attend the Sawyer VanLew fundraiser at Groton City Elks Lodge on February 1<sup>st</sup>, tickets must be purchased in advance.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion to suspend rules and move R-26-01-04 to the beginning of New Business agenda: Councilor Ambroise.*

*Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 5-0-0.*

**R-26-01-04 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTY MCELROY, 16 LATHAM STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT AS A CITY COUNCILOR**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the Mayor and Council for a City Councilor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton Charter, Article V, Section 4 states: “..Should a vacancy occur in the office of Councilor or City Clerk, an elector of the city shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Council to serve in such office until the next regular election.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Christy McElroy, 16 Latham Street, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve as a City Councilor;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Christy McElroy, 16 Latham Street, Groton, Connecticut as a City Councilor.

*Motion to approve: Councilor Norris. Second: Councilor Ambroise. Motion carried, 5-0-0.*

Christy McElroy was sworn in by Clerk Baycura at 7:49pm.

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**R-26-01-01 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SCOTT NADEAU, 129 BLUEBERRY HILL ROAD, GROTON, CONNECTICUT AS A REGULAR MEMBER, BEACH AND PARKS COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2028**



**WHEREAS**, the term of Scott Nadeau, 129 Blueberry Hill Road, Groton, expired on December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Scott Nadeau, 129 Blueberry Hill Road, Groton, desires to continue to serve as a regular member of the Beach and Parks Committee and has been recommended for reappointment;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Scott Nadeau, 129 Blueberry Hill Road, Groton, as a regular member, Beach and Parks Committee, term to expire on December 31, 2028.

*Motion to approve: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Second: Councilor Piazza. Motion carried, 6-0-0.*

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**R-26-01-02 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STACY POPP, 41 COTTAGE STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER, BEACH AND PARKS COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2028**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for a regular member to the Beach and Parks Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacy Popp, 41 Cottage Street, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve on the Beach and Parks Committee and has been recommended for reappointment as a regular member;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Stacy Popp, 41 Cottage Street, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member, Beach and Parks Committee, term to expire on December 31, 2028.

*Motion to approve: Councilor Piazza. Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 6-0-0.*

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**R-26-01-03 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN CLINTON, 12 PEPPERIDGE LANE, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS A REGULAR MEMBER, BEACH AND PARKS COMMITTEE, TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2028**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for a regular member to the Beach and Parks Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Clinton, 12 Pepperidge Lane, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve on the Beach and Parks Committee and has been recommended for reappointment as a regular member;



**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the reappointment of Brian Clinton, 12 Pepperidge Lane, Groton, Connecticut, as a regular member, Beach and Parks Committee, term to expire on December 31, 2028.

*Motion to approve: Councilor Johns. Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 6-0-0.*

**R-26-01-04 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTY MCELROY, 16 LATHAM STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT AS A CITY COUNCILOR**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the Mayor and Council for a City Councilor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton Charter, Article V, Section 4 states: “..Should a vacancy occur in the office of Councilor or City Clerk, an elector of the city shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Council to serve in such office until the next regular election.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Christy McElroy, 16 Latham Street, Groton, Connecticut, desires to serve as a City Councilor;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Christy McElroy, 16 Latham Street, Groton, Connecticut as a City Councilor.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn: Councilor Piazza. Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 6-0-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

**ATTEST:**

**Dani Baycura**  
City Clerk