



Monday, February 2, 2026 | 7:30 PM

MAYOR & COUNCIL - Minutes

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. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Present: Mayor Rusk, Deputy Mayor Sheffield, Councilor McElroy, Councilor Piazza, Councilor Ambroise and Councilor Johns (via Zoom). Absent: Councilor Norris.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND MEMORIALS

Mayor Rusk read and proclaimed February Black History Month in the City of Groton.

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.
None.

V. RESPOND TO CITIZEN'S PETITIONS/COMMENTS

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor and Council, 1-20-26

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

VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilor McElroy – Nothing to report.

Councilor Johns – Thanked the hardworking public works crew for all their efforts during the snowstorm. Stating we are fortunate to live in an area that provides such dedicated services.



Councilor Piazza – Attended the Public Safety Committee meeting. Also wanted to recognize the Let Our Voices Be Heard event at Mitchell College.

Councilor Ambroise – Also thanked public works and all first responders for work during the storm expressing it is a blessing to live in the City.

Deputy Mayor Sheffield – Attended Small Bites ribbon cutting. And received communication from a resident with interest in freezing Lake George more to allow for ice skating on the park pond.

Mayor Rusk – Thanked public works and first responders for dedication during the storm. Received resident complaints regarding lack of resident parking. Encouraged citizens to complete a Traffic Calming Request form if they too are experiencing difficulties with specific streets.

VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

R-26-01-09 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL INITIALLY 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 initially 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.

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

R-26-02-12 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ALTEC INDUSTRIES, A MEMBER OF SOURCEWELL, A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, CONTRACT NUMBER 110421-ALT, 210 INVERNESS CENTER DRIVE, PO BOX 11407, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$260,241.00) TO PURCHASE A BUCKET TRUCK, ALTEC MODEL AT48M TO BE PAID FROM FY26 ELECTRIC CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, Management has identified the need to replace Truck 68E, a 2007 Altec TA 50 boom with material handling jib Truck which has exceeded its service life; and

WHEREAS, this vehicle is available immediately, and building a comparable unit could take twenty-four to thirty-six months; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this purchase includes the bucket truck and additional accessories; and

WHEREAS, this truck is equipped with an articulating telescopic aerial device, material handling jib/winch, and is hydraulically articulating; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on January 21, 2026, the Groton Utilities Commission/ Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities' Management to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, a member of Sourcewell, a Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract Number 110421-ALT, 210 Inverness Center Drive, PO Box 11407, Birmingham, Alabama, for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Two Hundred Forty One Dollars and No Cents (\$260,241.00) to purchase a Bucket Truck, Altec Model AT48M to be paid from FY26 Electric Capital Budget, and furthermore that the City Council be apprised of this action with the recommendation that it concur;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Altec Industries, a member of Sourcewell, a Cooperative Purchasing Program, Contract Number 110421-ALT, 210 Inverness Center Drive, PO Box 11407, Birmingham, Alabama, for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Two Hundred Forty One Dollars and No Cents (\$260,241.00) to purchase a Bucket Truck, Altec Model AT48M to be paid from FY26 Electric Capital Budget.

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

R-26-02-13 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE FY2027 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(c) of the City of Groton Charter states “Department Heads of the Police Department and Highway Department shall submit their proposed budgets to the Mayor no later than the first week in January of each year. The Mayor shall finalize these budgets and, within two weeks of receiving the same, submit them to the Council for review and approval”; and

WHEREAS, the FY2027 Highway Department budget has been submitted, reviewed and discussed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the FY2027 Highway Department budget.

Motion to postpone: Councilor Ambrose. Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

R-26-02-14 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE FY2027 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(c) of the City of Groton Charter states “Department Heads of the Police Department and Highway Department shall submit their proposed budgets to the Mayor no later than the first week in January of each year. The Mayor shall finalize these budgets and, within two weeks of receiving the same, submit them to the Council for review and approval....”; and

WHEREAS, the FY2027 Police Department budget has been submitted, reviewed and discussed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the FY2027 Police Department budget.

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



R-26-02-15 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AT EASTERN POINT BEACH PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, Eastern Point Beach Property is for the use and enjoyment of City of Groton residents and non-resident City of Groton taxpayers and others; and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations must be established and enforced for the health, safety and welfare of all City of Groton residents and non-resident City of Groton taxpayers and others; and

WHEREAS, the following rules and regulations are to be effective for Eastern Point Beach for the Year 2026:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Subject to change at any time during the season)

Eastern Point Beach Property is for the use and enjoyment of City of Groton residents and non-resident City of Groton taxpayers and others.

*For purposes of this document, City resident shall mean; City residents or City taxpayers whose registration does not show a City of Groton address.

A. Hours

Park hours posted 5:30 am to 11:30 pm

Gate hours 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, applicable fees apply

Lifeguards on duty 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, daily

Beach Patrol on duty 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, daily

ALL RULES APPLY YEAR ROUND 24/7, except where noted

B. Vehicles:

Vehicles eligible to enter Eastern Point Beach will be as follows:

Registered passenger vehicles not exceeding 12 passenger capacity

Pick-up trucks

Motorcycles

Trailers, mobile homes, golf carts, etc. are prohibited.

C. Parking Permits:

New parking permits will be issued by the showing of a current and valid motor vehicle registration. City of Groton residents or City taxpayers whose registration does not show their City of Groton address must show proof of residence (examples: electric bill or current lease agreement). The permit **must be adhered** to the driver's side of the vehicle on the inside of the windshield, in the lower left hand corner. The permit on the vehicle must match the registration number of the vehicle it was purchased for.



D. Replacement of Pass:

If your pass needs to be replaced due to purchase of a new vehicle, replacement of windshield or any other reason, **you must bring in the old pass**. Replacement passes will cost \$5.00. Lost passes require the purchase of a full price new pass.

E. Bus Trips:

Bus loads are limited to no more than three (3) per day. Reservations are required in advance by contacting the Parks and Recreation office at 860-446-4128. The charge for buses will be \$100.00 per bus per day, but does not permit the bus to park on the property. There will be no charge and/or bus limit for City of Groton Recreation program buses.

F. Temporary parking permits:

A temporary parking permit is available free of charge for current parking permit holders whose vehicle is in the repair shop for up to of five (5) days. These permits are available by bringing a written statement from the repair shop, written on their letterhead, which details which vehicle is being repaired and the number of days the vehicle will be in the shop. Letters are to be presented at the Parks and Recreation office, during business hours, to request the temporary parking pass.

G. Military Families

Families of crew members of submarines returning home or departing may be allowed access to Eastern Point Beach at no cost to view the boats only when the Parks and Recreation Office is notified in advance by the designated personnel on the Sub Base via email alert.

H. Fishing

An area at the far end (northwest end) of parking area is open to fishing. Fishing on any other area of beach property is prohibited.

I. Water Sports

Scuba diving is only permitted on the Thames River side of beach property. Wind surfing, canoes, sunfish, jet skis and similar watercraft are restricted to the beach area in front of Zbierski House.

J. Parking

All registered motorized vehicles (as defined in eligibility Rule B) require a season permit to gain entrance to the beach. The permit **must be adhered** to the driver's side of the vehicle on the inside of the windshield, in the lower left hand corner. Motorcycles must laminate pass and display to gate attendant each time they enter Beach property.

All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking spaces in the parking area. Do not park along yellow curbing or yellow striped area.

1. No vehicle parking or standing allowed in any part of the entrance driveway (strictly



enforced).

2. Drop-offs and pick-ups must be done in the designated Loading Zone white curbing area (strictly enforced).
3. Parking permit does not guarantee a parking place. Parking limited to City of Groton residents and non-resident taxpayers when the parking lot reaches 90% of capacity.

K. General Regulations

1. No profanity, obscenities or vulgarity, spitting, towel snapping or fighting is allowed on Beach property.
2. No throwing of stones, sand or other objects is allowed on beach property.
3. Children 12 and over can come to the beach unattended. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a person at least fifteen (15) years of age to gain admittance to use the beach property.
4. Ball playing is confined to the Zbierski House lawn, the playground, the volleyball court and the basketball court. Ball playing may be permitted in the water past far beach per staff discretion. Running is only allowed at far beach at the staff discretion.
5. Kite flying is confined to the lawn behind the Zbierski House.
6. No glassware is allowed.
7. Single pole umbrellas and canopies only on sandy beach area and no strings should extend from your canopy. Small child cabanas are permitted but must not restrict the lifeguards view or path to the water. Staff has the right to request that any item be removed from the sand area if it could cause a safety concern.
8. No swimming/wading off the rocks, breakwater or parking lot area. Where posted, patrons are to keep off the rocks. No climbing walls.
9. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed anywhere on the Eastern Point Beach property unless a Special Permit for the Sale or Consumption for Alcohol at the Zbierski House has been granted by the Director of Parks and Recreation.
10. No patrons should set up blankets or towels in front of the lifeguard stand so as to block lifeguard's direct route to the water.
11. All garbage is to be carefully put into the containers provided. No littering allowed.



12. No overnight camping or open fires on the beach.
13. No skateboards, roller-skates, roller blades or razor scooters are to be used on beach property. During the off-season these items will be allowed in the parking lot area ONLY.
14. No Drones allowed on the property. Remote control devices with cameras attached to them are not allowed on the property.
15. No bicycle riding on beach property. Recreational motorized scooters, mopeds and bikes must be stowed in bike racks, during the season. During the off-season bicycle riding will be allowed in the parking lot area ONLY.
16. Proper/appropriate beach attire is required. Nudity is prohibited. Dressing or undressing will only be permitted in the restroom areas.
17. Radios, speakers, etc., should maintain a volume as not to disturb others. Music selection should abide by rule #2.
18. During the beach season, abuse and violation of any rules, regulations, or ordinances listed herein may lead to loss of parking permit and/or beach privileges (subject to review by the Recreation Director). Parks & Recreation Director reserves the right to alter or override any rule or regulation according to his/her discretion due to special circumstances.

L. Ordinances/CT Regulations

1. **Per City Ordinance 198:** Section 1 (b) No pet leashed or unleashed shall be allowed on the Eastern Point Beach park property at any time from Memorial Day through Labor Day. During the off season State of CT Regulation of the Department of Public Health, Section 1, 19a-36-B61 (10) will be enforced. (Except for service dogs and the goose patrol dog).
2. **Per City Ordinance 199:** Prohibiting smoking at the locations identified in ordinance.

The intent and purpose of prohibiting smoking/vaping at the locations identified in this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by reducing exposure to second hand smoke/vapor and tobacco/vaping waste product.

a. Smoke or Smoking shall mean the burning of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other similar device, whether containing, wholly or in part, tobacco, cannabis, or hemp.



b. Vape or Vaping Device shall mean any device that employs a heating element, power source, electric circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may include nicotine or cannabis and is inhaled by the user of such product.

c. Electronic Nicotine/Cannabis Device shall mean an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or cannabis to a person inhaling from the device and includes, but is not limited to, a vaporizer, electronic pipe, electronic hooka and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device.

d. Tobacco/Cannabis products shall mean: 1.) any substance containing tobacco/cannabis or any tobacco/cannabis product in smoking/vaping forms, but not limited to light cigarettes, hookah tobacco, sniff, snus, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, cigars, pipe tobacco, vape pen, electronic nicotine delivery systems or any other preparation of tobacco. 2.) any product of formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold or offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body, but does not include any product specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

e. Park or recreation area shall mean any outdoor area owned or operated by the City of Groton and open to the general public for primary recreational purposes, regardless of any fee or age requirement including but not limited to beaches, picnic areas, playgrounds, sports or athletic fields, bleachers, walking paths, gardens, hiking trails, bike paths and dog parks. A park or recreational area shall not include any paved public sidewalk immediately abutting the boundary of the park or recreational area or any other designated (posted) area.

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$120.00 per violation.

3. Only Coast Guard Approved Type III Personal Flotation devices are allowed, all other flotation devices are not allowed. Special devices are allowed for children with special needs.
4. Idling of vehicles on park property. Connecticut regulations prohibit vehicles of all kinds from unnecessary idling for more than 3 minutes. Pursuant of CT Regulations (RCSA) 22a-174-18.

M. Beach Picnic Area

1. Picnicking will be allowed only in designated areas.
2. All cooking must be within the picnic areas.



3. The use of the picnic facilities on the grounds is on a first come, first-serve basis; reservations of areas for clubs or organizations must be requested in writing to the Parks and Recreation Department. Use of facilities for groups of more than 25 people may be prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
4. Picnic tables are placed to benefit the general public. Special requests can be made to the office for permission to move tables together for larger groups.
5. All the picnic tables and grills are available to all guests at the beach on a first come first serve basis. Individuals that rent the Zbierski House may not ask patrons to vacate the area around the House.

N. Special Events

In the event that there is a Special Event held in the area which will have an impact on the parking at Eastern Point Beach, the following criteria will be in place at the discretion of the Beach and Parks Committee.

1. There will be no rental of the Zbierski House on the dates of the Special Event and any scheduled rain dates. Beach Hours of Operation could be extended to 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be staff at the facility during these hours.
2. Parking Fee will be \$50.00 for those without a Season Beach Pass, no matter what day of the week the Special Event falls on.
3. All the approved Rules and Regulations of Eastern Point Beach will be in full effect.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the Rules and Regulations at Eastern Point Beach for the Year 2026.

Motion to approve: Councilor Ambrose. Second: Councilor Piazza. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

**R-26-02-16 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE
2026 CITY OF GROTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT USER FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Groton offers a variety of leisure services and facilities to the citizens of all age groups; and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton has established fees and charges to help underwrite the program costs; and



WHEREAS, the Beach and Parks Committee has reviewed the user fees and recommends the proposed fee structure as follows:

INTRODUCTION

*For purposes of this document, City resident shall mean; City residents or City taxpayers whose registration does not show a City of Groton address.

The City of Groton offers a variety of leisure services to the citizens of all age groups. A significant portion of the services has been underwritten through general fund appropriations.

Some programs instituted between fiscal years have been supported with fees paid by the participants. As a result, inconsistencies among programs serving the same constituents have developed.

The City of Groton Parks and Recreation Department is charged with the responsibility of planning, conducting, and supervising of recreational programs and activities as well as the operational, maintenance and management of these facilities.

Community recreational and park services are a municipal responsibility; however, the magnitude of the service and its economic impact should be reviewed annually to determine a reasonable ratio of community desires in accordance with the City of Groton's ability to financially support these services. The City of Groton should establish fees and charges to underwrite the program costs.

There are certain programs that should not have a participant charge, particularly when the specific program serves large numbers of people for a nominal total cost, for example, the City Day picnic.

1. BASIC SERVICES

The City of Groton should support the concept that the general fund should provide the cost of basic park and recreation services based on the following:

- a. Qualified staff to promote and expand leisure services.
- b. Positive recreational experiences which contribute to the individual's physical, social, emotional, creative, cultural and educational growth and development in order to enrich the quality of life.
- c. Development and maintenance of park and recreation facilities such as playgrounds, parks, athletic fields, picnic areas, beach, tennis courts, nature and



fitnesstrails.

2. EXTENDED SERVICES

Extended services are services in excess of basic services. For example, a specialist performing a professional service, programs requiring an instructor or specialist that costs more per hour than the authorized department pay structure.

3. EASTERN POINT BEACH FEES

The recommendation is that each January the beach rates be reviewed on the past year's figures and rates set to reflect a 25% to 50% recovery.

Vehicles

Vehicles eligible to enter Eastern Point Beach will be as follows:

- Registered passenger vehicles not exceeding 12 passenger capacity
- Pick-up trucks
- Motorcycles
- Trailers, mobile homes, etc. are prohibited.

Parking Permits

Seasonal Rates

All fees are non-refundable

City Residents/City Taxpayers 62 years old and older*	\$
20.00 City Resident/City Taxpayer/City Employee	\$
40.00	
City Resident/City Taxpayer (additional Vehicle)	\$30.00
Town of Groton Taxpayers 62 years old and older*	\$40.00
Town of Groton Taxpayers	\$80.00
Non-resident 62 years old and older*	\$55.00
Non-resident	\$100.00
Special Pass City resident/City taxpayer 62 years and older**	\$
20.00 Special Pass for resident/City taxpayer with a disability	\$
40.00 under 62 years of age***	
Military Discount with ID	\$5.00



* To be eligible for this rate, an individual must be 62 years of age on or before Labor Day.

** (Available only to a City resident with no motor vehicle in the household determined on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Parks and Recreation.)

*** Available only to a City resident with no motor vehicle in the household determined on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Parks and Recreation and documentation of disability

Daily Rates

Weekday	\$30.00
Weekends/Holidays*	\$40.00
5:00pm – 8:00pm	½ price parking daily for Non-Residents, City Residents – Free (except on Special

Events) (*The holidays are Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day)

New parking permits will be issued by the showing of a current and valid motor vehicle registration. City of Groton residents or City taxpayers whose registration does not show their City of Groton address must show proof of residence (examples: tax bill or current lease agreement). The permit **must be adhered** to the driver’s side of the vehicle on the inside of the windshield. The permit on the vehicle must match the registration number of the vehicle it was purchased for.

Starting at 8:00 p.m. daily there will be no charge for entrance to the beach, except during Special Events.

Bus Trips:

Bus loads are limited to no more than three (3) per day. Reservations are required in advance by contacting the Parks & Recreation office at 446-4128. The charge for buses will be \$100.00 per bus per day, but does not permit the bus to park on the property. There will be no charge and/or limit for City of Groton Recreation program buses.

Temporary Parking Permits:

A temporary parking permit is available free of charge for current parking permit holders whose vehicle is in the repair shop for up to five (5) days. These permits are available by bringing a written statement from the repair shop, written on their letterhead, which details which vehicle is being repaired and the number of days the vehicle will be in the shop. Letters are to be presented at the Parks and Recreation office during regular office hours to request the temporary parking pass.



Walk-ins

Children 17 years old and under – **FREE**

City of Groton Residents/City of Groton Residential Taxpayers with ID – **FREE**

Residents that do not have a picture ID can show a current lease agreement or tax bill and can obtain a picture ID at the Parks and Recreation Office. City of Groton Residents/City of Groton Residential Taxpayers may walk-in with their guests at no cost.

Non-Resident/ Non Taxpayer Walk Ins - **\$5.00**

Guest Pass:

City of Groton Residents/City of Groton Residential Taxpayers can purchase a walk in guest pass for up to 4 people - **\$40.00. This is for WALK-IN purposes ONLY**

That would be left at the Gatehouse upon arrival at the beach and picked up on their way out. This does not include business or commercial property.

Families of crew members of submarines returning home or departing may be allowed access to Eastern Point Beach at no cost to view the boats only when the Parks and Recreation Office has been notified by the designated personnel on the Sub Base via email alert.

Special Events

In the event that there is a Special Event held in the area which will have an impact on the parking at Eastern Point Beach, the following criteria will be in place at the discretion of the Beach and Parks Committee.

1. There will be no rental of the Zbierski House on the dates of the Special Event and any scheduled rain dates
2. Beach Hours of Operation could be extended from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be staff at the facility during these hours.
3. Parking Fee will be \$50.00 for those without a Season Beach Pass, no matter what day of the week the Special Event falls on.
4. All the approved Rules and Regulations of Eastern Point Beach will be in full effect.

4. RECREATION PROGRAMS

Adult Programs. The fees are calculated to break even. Fees pay for 100% of the program.



Youth Programs. The fees are calculated on an individual program basis taking into consideration special instructors and/or special equipment and supplies to recover 50% to 75% of the costs in fees.

Summer Playground. The City of Groton operates a large summer playground program at Thames River Magnet School. The rates charged are as follows:

	City Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee
Full Day 5-14 year olds		
Early Bird Weekly Rate	\$50.00	
	\$95.00 (Deadline is	
Memorial Day)		
Weekly Rate after Memorial Day	\$60.00	\$105.00
Half Day 4 year olds		
Early Bird Weekly Rate	\$30.00	
	\$45.00 (Deadline is	
Memorial Day)		
Weekly Rate after Memorial Day	\$40.00	\$55.00

- a. **Recreation Trips.** Trips beyond the City of Groton boundaries (educational, cultural, professional sports, etc.) are part of a comprehensive leisure program. Participants in these programs pay all costs to include bus, admission fees, meals, etc.

5. FACILITY RENTALS

Pavilions. The City presently has six (6) pavilions at Washington Park. The rates are as follows:

	Large Pavilions #1,3 & 5 Per Rental (up to a 4 hour timeframe)	Regular Pavilion #2, 4 & 6 Per Rental (up to a 4 hour timeframe)
City resident	\$ 60.00	\$ 30.00
Non-resident	\$120.00	\$ 60.00
City business	\$120.00	\$ 60.00
Outside business	\$170.00	\$120.00

* All members of the Military will receive a 10% discount off the rental of the Pavilions at Washington Park upon presenting valid proof of military service.

Tennis Courts (lighted). The Parks and Recreation Department supervises six lighted courts at Washington Park. All league play will be charged \$20.00 per court per four



Example: AA, Church group, Quilters Club, Cub Scouts
\$25.00 for three hours

Group 3 **Individual Private Parties:**
City Resident: \$50.00 per hour
Non-resident: \$75.00 per hour

Group 4 **Businesses:**
City: \$200.00 per hour
Outside City: \$300.00 per hour

DEPOSITS:

The booking date will be guaranteed **only when the security deposit of \$100 cash and the hourly rental fee are paid. The hourly fee is due TWO WEEKS PRIOR to your event.** The security deposit will be due to ensure the building is left clean and that all conditions of the permit have been met. Deposits will be refunded **the next business day in our office after your event** provided all conditions of the permit have been satisfactorily met. Deposits will be forfeited after 1 year from the date of the event if not picked up from our office.

Zbierski House:

The overall policy of the Parks and Recreation Department is to allow as many groups or organizations use of the facility as possible. If conflicts arise, the Department will use its discretion in making reservations that promote the widest public use of the facility. This policy may affect Friday through Sunday use especially.

A **one-hundred dollar (\$100.00)** cash security deposit will be held at the Parks & Recreation office for each Zbierski House reservation until verification of clean up.

There will be a maximum of 20 parking spaces allotted with any Zbierski house rental at a cost of \$5.00 per vehicle when the beach is officially open. During the summer season, rentals on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays will be limited to one (1) party during hours of operation (8am-6pm) and for one (1) party after 6:00 pm.

Group 1 **City, Town, State, and Federal Government**
Groups: Example: Beach and Park Committee, EPHD Committee.

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o fee Group 2 **Civic, Charitable or Non-Profit**
Groups:



Example: AA, Church group, Quilters Club, EPPOA.

\$25.00 for three hours

Group 3

Individual Private Parties:

City Resident:

\$30.00 per hour

Non-resident:

\$60.00 per hour

Group 4

Businesses:

\$100.00 per hour

City:

Outside City:

\$200.00 per hour

Special Permit for the Sale and/or Consumption of Alcohol within the Zbierski House 1
Beach Pond Rd, Groton CT 06340

This permit allows for the sale and/or consumption of alcohol (beer and wine ONLY) within the Zbierski House or on its porches. Alcohol is not allowed to be taken onto other areas of the Eastern Point Beach property. Alcohol will only be permitted after 6:00pm on Friday, Saturday and Sundays during the Beach Season No alcohol is to be served, consumed, or sold without a special permit. No kegs, beer balls, or other containers of alcohol in excess of 1 liter are allowed at any time, must be plastic or can, no glass containers.

In order to be granted a Special Permit for the Sale and/or Consumption of Alcohol the following conditions must be met:

1. Application must be made, in writing, six weeks prior to the event
2. The applicant must have a Zbierski House Use Permit.
3. The applicant must have a liquor license or liquor permit as required by law.
4. The applicant must have insurance covering the City as additionally insured.
5. The applicant must have a plan for controlling the behavior of

guests. Date of Application _____

Name of Event _____ Date of Event

Sponsoring Individual or Organization

Hours of event

Zbierski House Permit

The applicant has a Zbierski House Use Permit Y N



Type of Event:

_____ Private. Private events where no money is requested from attendees do not require a liquor license. Private events constitute such things as birthday parties, bridal showers, family reunions, graduation ceremonies, memorial services, weddings etc.

\$50.00 for Resident \$100.00 for Non-Resident

_____ Public. Public events where money is requested or charged which also include the sale or consumption of alcohol require a liquor permit. Public events include fundraisers, antique sales, art shows, etc.

\$100.00 for Resident \$200.00 for Non-Resident

Liquor Permit

The appropriate liquor permit has been provided and is attached. Y N

N/A

Insurance: The applicant or caterer must have insurance coverage including the City as additionally insured.

Liquor Liability (if alcohol is served or sold)

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

City of Groton, CT added as additional insured

General Insurance Requirements:

- All coverage must be placed with carriers approved to conduct business in the State of Connecticut and rated at least A- /VII by A.M. Best
- Certificates of insurance verifying compliance with the City of Groton’s requirements must be included with this permit form. Failure to meet the City’s insurance requirements shall prevent use of issuance of a Special Permit for the Sale or Consumption of Alcohol.
- Should any insurance cancel for any reason or cause, at least 30 days written notice shall be given to the City of Groton
- The City of Groton maintains the right to require insurance coverage greater than what is listed above, depending on the nature and scope of usage of the Zbierski House.
- Any exceptions to the City’s insurance requirements are subject to the sole discretion of the City.

A copy of the applicant or caterer’s liability insurance has been provided and is attached. Y

N

Guest Control: The applicant is responsible for the behavior of his or her guests. The City will require that a City employee be present at all times to assure that the plan for guest control is followed. The applicant is responsible for paying the cost of such an employee.



An acceptable plan for assuring all guests follow the rules of the beach has been provided and is attached. Y N
A city employee is required. Y N Estimated Cost to Be Paid Prior to Event

I, _____, have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this Special Permit for the Sale and/or Consumption of Alcohol. I understand that failure to comply with these terms and conditions will result in the forfeiture of any deposit made for use of the Zbierski House as well as any future ability to use any City facilities.

Grantee: (Print Name) _____ Signature: __ Date: __ Grantor:
(Print Name) _____ Signature: __ Date: __

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the 2026 City of Groton Recreation Department User Fees.

Motion to approve: Councilor McElroy. Second: Councilor Ambrose. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

R-26-02-17 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM ROBARGE, GROTON, CONNECTICUT, AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 2, 2031

WHEREAS, Ordinance #56, Section 5 states “As each of the terms of the regular and alternate members shall expire, the City Council shall appoint a successor for a term of five (5) years to fill the vacant position”; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for an alternate member of the Harbor Management Commission; and

WHEREAS, William Robarge has been recommended and desires to serve as an alternate member of the Harbor Management Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of William Robarge, , Groton, Connecticut, as an alternate member of the Harbor Management Commission, term to expire on February 2, 2031.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Councilor Piazza. Second: Deputy Mayor Sheffield. Motion carried, 5-0-0.



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Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

ATTEST:

Dani Baycura
City Clerk