



# City of Groton, Connecticut

## Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 7, 2022

City Municipal Building  
295 Meridian Street  
Groton, CT 06340

Council Chambers

**7:30 PM**

Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Paul Norris, Councilor Christine Piazza and Councilor Stephen Sheffield  
City Clerk Megan Peters

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Mayor Keith Hedrick called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Keith Hedrick, Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, Councilor Rashaad Carter, Councilor Lisa McCabe, Councilor Christine Piazza via Zoom, Councilor Stephen Sheffield and City Clerk Megan Peters

**Excused:** Councilor Paul Norris

### **II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

Terrie Lamb, Director of Nutmeg Fife and Drum, is honored for her involvement in the community and dedication to Nutmeg Fife and Drum. A Proclamation is made to officially declare February 7, 2022 Terri Lamb Day in the City of Groton.

Mayor Keith Hedrick reads the proclamation and invites Terrie Lamb to address the group.

Terrie Lamb addresses the group and following her speech, the Nutmeg Fife and Drum play a tune for the group.

Mayor Keith Hedrick wishes a very Happy Birthday to Barbara Frucht who is celebrating her birthday.

Mayor Keith Hedrick requests a motion to suspend the rules to add in R-22-02-09.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.

All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-02-09 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY GARDNER, AS A FIREFIGHTER/EMT IN THE CITY OF GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists for a full time firefighter position in the City of Groton Fire Department; and

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**WHEREAS**, Timothy Gardner, has successfully passed all testing requirements: Written, physical agility, background investigation, personal interviews and medical evaluation; and

**WHEREAS**, Timothy Gardner has been recommended by Fire Chief Robert Tompkins and Mayor Hedrick to be appointed to fill this position in the City of Groton Fire Department;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the appointment of Timothy Gardner as a firefighter/EMT in the City of Groton Fire Department effective February 7, 2022.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Robert Tompkins presents Timothy Gardner to the group.

City Clerk Megan Peters performs the swearing in.

Timothy Gardner speaks to his appreciation for the opportunity to join the City of Groton Fire Department. Following his speech, Timothy Gardner's wife, Ashley Gardner pins her husband.

Mayor Keith Hedrick calls a recess for 5 minutes for pictures and cake. Meeting is called back to order at 7:55pm.

**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**

**January 3, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting**

Motion to approve made by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**January 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**January 24 Special Mayor and Council Meeting**

Motion to approve made by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

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**VII. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

**Councilor Lisa McCabe-** Volunteered on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to pass out COVID test kits. If you were unable to make it, please visit the City Clerk’s desk with proof of residency to pick up. One per person.

**Councilor Stephen Sheffield-** Volunteered on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> to pass out COVID test kits.

**Councilor Christine Piazza-** Nothing to report.

**Councilor Rashaad Carter-** Nothing to report.

**Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot-** Volunteered January 28<sup>th</sup> Food Box Distribution, next Food Box Distribution is February 25<sup>th</sup>. Also attended February 1<sup>st</sup> – Black History Month Celebration at the City Municipal Building.

**City Clerk Megan Peters-** Volunteered at the COVID Test Kit Giveaway on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Food Box Distribution on January 28<sup>th</sup> and the Black History Month Celebration on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mayor Keith Hedrick-** Mask mandate in the City of Groton Municipal Building will lift Tuesday, February 8, 2022. COVID Testing through Ledge Light Health District will take place tomorrow, February 8, 2022 from 2pm-6pm at the City Municipal Building.

Valentine’s Farmer Market – Saturday, February 12, 2022

Heart Hunt running February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup> with the Park and Recreation Dept.

Virtual Public Workshop for Visioning Thames Street on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

Referral of the Snow Ordinance to the Public Works Committee to review and see if anything needs to be changed including fire hydrants and sidewalk clearing.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**R-22-02-10 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTIN ARTALE, JR., 17 PLEASANT STREET, GROTON, CONNECTICUT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT WATER AUTHORITY (SCWA), TERM TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, General Statutes, Special Act 381, Section 4(a) states: “The representative advisory board to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority shall consist of two electors from each town within the district who shall be appointed by the board of selectmen or town council, as the case may be, on September 1, 1969, and whose successors shall be so appointed on or before September first biennially thereafter. One of such members of the advisory board from each town shall be appointed by the members of the board of selectmen or town council, as the case may be, of the political party having the greatest representation on such board, or council and the other member of said advisory board shall be appointed by the members of the board or selectmen or town council of the political party having the next greatest representation. Members shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and have qualified and shall serve without compensation...”; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Artale, Jr., 17 Pleasant Street, Groton, Connecticut desires to return to serve on the Representative Advisory Board to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority;

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council approve the reappointment of Martin Artale, Jr., 17 Pleasant Street, Groton, Connecticut to serve on the Representative Advisory Board to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority term to expire on February 7, 2024.

Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-02-11 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE  
2022 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**

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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 fitness trails.

**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*	\$15.00
City Resident/City Taxpayer	\$32.00
City Resident/City Taxpayer (additional Vehicle)	\$22.00
Town of Groton Taxpayers 62 years old and older*	\$32.00
Non-resident 62 years old and older*	\$48.00
Non-resident	\$70.00
Special Pass City resident/City taxpayer 62 years and older**	\$15.00
Special Pass for resident/City taxpayer with a disability under 62 years of age***	\$32.00

\* 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.)

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**Daily Rates**

Weekday	\$20.00
Weekends/Holidays*	\$30.00
5:00pm – 8:00pm	½ price parking daily for Non-Residents, City Residents – Free (except on Special Events)

(\*The holidays are July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm 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 - **\$30.00. 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.

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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 to 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be staff at the facility during these hours.
3. Parking Fee will be \$40.00 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 Washington Park and at West Side Middle School. The rates charged are as follows:

	City Resident Fee	Non-City Resident Fee
Full Day 6-14 year olds	\$300.00	\$375.00
Weekly Rate	\$50.00	\$60.00
Half Day 4-5 year olds	\$150.00	\$200.00
Weekly Rate	\$50.00	\$60.00

- 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

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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 (4) hour session. The participants shall be expected to pay for the cost of any extended services.

**Ball Fields Fee Structure:**

Group 1	<u>All youth groups regular season games.</u> Little League and Babe Ruth	No fee
Group 2	<u>All other Youth Baseball Programs</u>	\$35.00 per game weekdays \$45.00 per game weekends
Group 3	<u>Youth League District or State Tournaments.</u> Includes one game field setup and preparation. City employee on site to prepare fields for series of games:	No fee Saturdays \$60.00 per hour Sundays \$80.00 per hour
Group 4	<u>University of Connecticut, Avery Point.</u>	No fee
Group 5	<u>Adult Leagues.</u>	\$35.00 per game weekdays \$45.00 per game weekends
Group 6	<u>Adult Tournaments.</u>	\$250.00 per day
Group 7	<u>Charity Tournaments.</u> Examples: Fundraisers for charities like Jimmy Fund and United Way. * To be determined on a case by case basis by the Director of Parks and Recreation	Fee*
Group 8	<u>Baseball Camps.</u>	\$250.00 full day \$125.00 half day

**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,

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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.

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| Group 1 | <b><u>City, Town, State, and Federal Government Groups:</u></b><br>Example: Beach and Park Committee, EPHD Committee.<br>No fee      |
| Group 2 | <b><u>Civic, Charitable or Non-Profit Groups:</u></b><br>Example: AA, Church group, Quilters Club, EPPOA.<br>\$25.00 for three hours |
| Group 3 | <b><u>Individual Private Parties:</u></b><br>City Resident: \$30.00 per hour<br>Non-resident: \$60.00 per hour                       |
| Group 4 | <b><u>Businesses:</u></b><br>City: \$100.00 per hour<br>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

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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**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

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**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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the 2022 City of Groton Recreation Department User Fees.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-02-12 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE  
RULES AND REGULATIONS AT EASTERN POINT BEACH PROPERTY  
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**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 2022:

**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.

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**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:**

- All fees are non-refundable
- Seasonal Rates:

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**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. Daily Rates:**

Weekday	\$20.00
Weekends/Holidays*	\$30.00
5:00pm – 8:00pm	½ price parking daily Non-Residents, City Residents –Free (except on Special Events)

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

**F. Bus Trips:**

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**G. Temporary parking permits:**

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**H. Walk-ins:**

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**I. 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.

**J. 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.

**K. 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).

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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 will be limited to City of Groton residents and non-resident taxpayers when the parking lot reaches 90% of capacity.

**L. Rules and Regulations**

1. Dressing or undressing will only be permitted in the restroom areas.
2. No profanity, obscenities or vulgarity, spitting, towel snapping or fighting is allowed on Beach property.
3. No throwing of stones, sand or other objects is allowed on beach property.
4. Children ten (10) years of age or younger must be accompanied by a person at least twelve (12) years of age to gain admittance to use the beach property.
5. **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).
6. No gambling on beach property.
7. Running is not permitted on sandy beach.
8. No climbing walls.
9. Ball playing is confined to the Zbierski House lawn, the playground, the volleyball court and the basketball court.
10. Kite flying is confined to the lawn behind the Zbierski House.
11. No glassware is allowed on sandy areas.
12. 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.
13. No tents or screens allowed on the sandy beach area or Tyler House lawn. Small child cabanas are permitted, as well as pop ups as long as they are behind guard stands, 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.
14. No swimming/wading off the rocks, breakwater or parking lot area. Where posted, patrons are to keep off the rocks
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. **Per City Ordinance 199:** Prohibiting smoking at the locations identified in ordinance.
  - a. 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

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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.

18. All garbage is to be carefully put into the containers provided. No littering allowed.
19. No overnight camping or open fires on the beach.
20. 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.
21. No skateboards, roller-skates, roller blades or razor scooters are to be used on beach property.
22. No Drones allowed on the property.
23. Remote control devices with cameras attached to them are not allowed on the property.
24. 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.  
Proper beach attire is required: No thongs or “G” strings allowed. Nudity is prohibited.
25. Radios, boom boxes, etc., should maintain a volume as not to disturb others. Music selection should abide by rule #2.
26. 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](#).
29. 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.

**M. Beach Picnic Area**

1. Picnicking will be allowed only in designated areas. No picnicking will be allowed on the sandy area of the beach.
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 distributed 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.

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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 to 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. There will be staff at the facility during these hours.
3. Parking Fee will be \$40.00 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.

**O. Do NOT Feed the Wildlife**

People naturally enjoy the good feeling they get from feeding waterfowl. They like to get close to them and feel that supplementing the natural diet of wild ducks and geese with corn, bread and other household foods helps them survive better in the wild. But there are several things we should consider concerning the welfare of animals being fed:

1. Artificial feeding and close human contact changes the natural behavior of wildlife. It alters migrating instincts and can reduce their ability to survive in the wild. Fed wildlife can get use to human presence – ultimately to their detriment from hunters, etc.

The periodic welfare given to wildlife by supplemental feeding causes a difficult adjustment. The periodic supplemental feeding is too often given when the wild ducks need it least – during the moderate weather. When it ends abruptly, they do not have access to alternate food sources.

2. Artificial bird food items such as bread can also cause dietary deficiencies when they become the primary food sources. Research has shown that trace elements available only in a balanced, natural diet of wild duck foods are essential to promote good health in wild fowl.
3. Large numbers of waterfowl are concentrated by supplemental feeding practices, the possibility of a waterfowl disease epidemic is increased. Some parasitic, bacterial, and viral diseases can be spread from ducks to people and other wildlife.

Feeding wild ducks “people food” is the equivalent of “junk food”. Wild ducks are capable of finding their own food, even in cold winter months of January and February. In periods of extremely abnormal cold, biologists and conservation officers monitor the conditions of wild ducks, and if they need supplemental feeding, they will make that publicly known and do something about it.

If you or your children enjoy feeding ducks, do it at the zoo, park, or nature center where it is approved.

Remember: **FEEDING WILD DUCKS MAY MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, BUT IT IS NOT HELPING THEM.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the Rules and Regulations at Eastern Point Beach for the Year 2022.

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Motion to approve made by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield. Councilor Christine Piazza inquires about the floatation devices for the beach. All floatation devices must be certified by the Coast Guard certified. Allowed floatation devices are for safety reasons versus recreation. Mayor Keith Hedrick recommends that any further questions in regards to floatation devices can be directed to the Parks and Recreation or beach staff who are fully trained on the rules. Councilor Rashaad Carter states that this rule is to avoid recreational floats at the beach. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-02-13 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO MINSAIT ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS, 2755 NORTHWOODS PARKWAY, PEACHTREE CORNERS, GEORGIA, AS A SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS (\$169,733.30) TO SECURE SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE ELECTRIC SCADA SYSTEM, TO BE PAID FROM ELECTRIC NON-BONDED CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, Minsait Advanced Control Systems has been the Electric SCADA provider since 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCADA system and main software are in need of a major upgrade to bring the operating system software and hardware up to date; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on January 19, 2022, the Groton Utility Commission /Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Minsait Advanced Control Systems, 2755 Northwoods Parkway, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, as a Sole Source Provider, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$169,733.30) to secure services and equipment for the Electric SCADA system, to be paid from Electric Non-Bonded 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 Minsait Advanced Control Systems, 2755 Northwoods Parkway, Peachtree Corners, Georgia, as a Sole Source Provider, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$169,733.30) to secure services and equipment for the Electric SCADA system, to be paid from Electric Non-Bonded Capital Budget.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

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**R-22-02-14 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZE GROTON UTILITIES MANAGEMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO WRIGHT-PIERCE ENGINEERS, 169 MAIN STREET, 700 PLAZA MIDDLESEX, MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$131,953.00) INCLUDING A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DESIGN OF ODOR CONTROL AND HVAC SYSTEMS UPGRADES TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS IN THE WASTEWATER BOND FUND**

**WHEREAS**, Wright Pierce will provide an evaluation of existing systems, determine design options, preliminary design plans and specifications and preparation of final design plans and specification for project bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, at its regular meeting held on January 19, 2022, the Groton Utility Commission /Water Pollution Control Authority authorized Groton Utilities Management to issue a purchase order to Wright-Pierce Engineers, 169 Main Street, 700 Plaza Middlesex, Middletown, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$131,953.00) including a ten percent (10%) contingency, for Engineering Services of preliminary and final design of Odor Control and HVAC Systems Upgrades to be paid from funds in the Wastewater Bond Fund, 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 Wright-Pierce Engineers, 169 Main Street, 700 Plaza Middlesex, Middletown, Connecticut, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$131,953.00) including a ten percent (10%) contingency, for Engineering Services of preliminary and final design of Odor Control and HVAC Systems Upgrades to be paid from funds in the Wastewater Bond Fund.

Motion made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-2-15 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE FY2023 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

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**WHEREAS**, the FY2023 Highway Department budget has been submitted, reviewed and discussed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the FY2023 Highway Department budget.

Motion to approve made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Stephen Sheffield.

Councilor Rashaad Carter inquires about the Engineer position mentioned in the budget. It is explained that the City does not have an Engineer on staff, but within the Engineering budget line is a Project Coordinator who manages all the Engineering type projects that are necessary throughout the City.

Discussion takes place in regards to the Engineering budget line and the position of Engineer or the support position.

All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-2-16 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE  
FY2023 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 FY2023 Police Department budget has been submitted, reviewed and discussed;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council approve the FY2023 Police Department budget.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Stephen Sheffield, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-02-17 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACCEPT AND  
APPROVE A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (OPM) AS PART OF THE  
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM –  
VIOLENCE CRIME PREVENTION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$42,000.00) AND  
THAT MAYOR KEITH HEDRICK BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE  
SAID AGREEMENT**

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**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is providing a grant to assist local departments with violent crime prevent and public safety improvements through the Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) program – Violence Crime Prevention Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management as part of the Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) Program has awarded the City of Groton Police \$42,000.00 toward the purchase of the body surveillance equipment and technology;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council accept and approve the award from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) as part of the Justice Assistance Grant program – Violence Crime Prevention grant in the amount of Forty-Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$42,000.00) and that Mayor Keith Hedrick be authorized to execute said agreement.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Rashaad Carter, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe. Police Chief Erick Jenkins gives a brief description of what the funds will be allocated for. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick requests a motion to suspend the rules to add R-22-02-18. Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot, second by Councilor Lisa McCabe. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

**R-22-02-18 RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF GROTON, CONNECTICUT GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$14,000,000 (FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS)**

**RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** Not exceeding \$14,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") of the City of Groton, Connecticut (the "City") or so much thereof as the Mayor and the City Treasurer shall determine to be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to refund all or any portion of any one or more series of the City's outstanding general obligation bonds, including, without limitation, Clean Water Fund Obligations and/or Drinking Water Program Obligations of the City issued under the State of Connecticut Clean Water Fund/Drinking Water Program (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") to achieve net present value savings and/or to restructure debt service payments of the City. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold in either a negotiated underwriting or a competitive offering, and at such time or times as the Mayor and the City Treasurer shall determine to be most opportune for the City. If the Refunding Bonds are sold in a negotiated underwriting, the Mayor and the City Treasurer shall approve and designate the managing underwriter. The Refunding Bonds shall mature on such date or dates and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and shall bear interest payable at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the Mayor and the City Treasurer; provided, however, that no Refunding Bonds shall mature later than the final maturity date of the last maturity of any

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Refunded Bonds being refunded by such series. The Refunding Bonds shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Treasurer, bear the City seal or a facsimile thereof, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Bond Counsel. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the City and each of the Refunding Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the City are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate denominations, form, details, and other particulars thereof, including the terms of any rights of redemption and redemption prices, the designation of the certifying, paying, registrar and transfer agent, shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor and the City Treasurer in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time. The net proceeds of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, after payment of underwriter's discount and other costs of issuance, shall be deposited in an irrevocable escrow account in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, interest and redemption premium, if any, due on the Refunded Bonds to maturity or earlier redemption pursuant to the plan of refunding. The Mayor and the City Treasurer are authorized to appoint an escrow agent and other professionals and to execute and deliver any and all escrow, investment and related agreements necessary to provide for such payments on the Refunded Bonds and to provide for the transactions contemplated hereby. The Mayor and the City Treasurer, are authorized to prepare and distribute preliminary and final Official Statements of the City for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Refunding Bonds, and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City a Bond Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, a Tax Regulatory Agreement and such other agreements and documents necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and the payment of the Refunded Bonds. The City may issue taxable bonds as the issuance of such taxable bonds is hereby determined to be in the public interest.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective until December 31, 2022.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council authorize the authorization, issuance and sale of City of Groton, Connecticut general obligation refunding bonds not exceeding \$14,000,000 (Fourteen Million Dollars).

Motion to approve made by Councilor Christine Piazza, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Lisa McCabe, second by Deputy Mayor Gweneviere Depot. All in favor, 5-0-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Keith Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.