

## **Boards, Commissions & Committees**

### **Beach & Parks Committee**

Meetings are held in C-8, City of Groton Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Authority: Special Act #329, Section 1 and Resolution R-02-12-97:

Members: 7 regular. Term: 3 years.

Appt. by: Mayor with approval of Council

This committee serves in an advisory capacity with regard to the rules & regulations, programs and fees for the Parks & Recreation Department with final approval by the Mayor & Council. They meet once monthly with the Director of Parks & Recreation to discuss any business that may come before them. The Mayor appoints a member of the City Council to act as a liaison to the committee.

### **Board of Ethics**

Meetings will be held on an “as needed” basis at the City of Groton Municipal Building to resolve violations of the City’s Code of Ethics

Authority: City Charter, Article IX

Members: 5 regular Term: 4 years except for first appointments

Appt. by: Mayor with approval of the Council

### **Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands**

Meetings held in C-8, City of Groton Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Authority: Ordinance #42,

Members: 5 regular, 2 alternates. Term: 3 years.

Appt. by: Mayor

This commission acts as the Inlands Wetlands Regulatory Agency for the City of Groton. They monitor activity within the regulated wetlands areas in the City of Groton or within the wetland buffer zone.

### **Eastern Point Historic District Commission**

Meetings held in C-8, City of Groton Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

Authority: Ordinance #75, Section 4e:

Members: 5 regular, 3 alternates. Term: 5 years. At least 3 regulars and 2 alternates shall reside in the Historic District.

Appt. by: Mayor with approval of Council

Since 1961, any municipality in Connecticut has been enabled by state law to establish within it’s confines an historic district to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinct characteristics of the buildings and places associated with the history of or indicative period or style of architecture of the district. This

commission is charged with maintaining the historical integrity of the structures within its geographical boundaries.

The Eastern Point Historic District Commission was established to review any and all alteration, demolition or construction of buildings and other structures within its boundaries.

### **Groton Utilities Commission**

Meetings are to be held at 10:00 a.m. in the City of Groton Council Chambers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Authority: City Charter Article V, Section 9,  
Members: Mayor and 4 regular members. Term: 4 years.  
Appt. by: Mayor with approval of Council.

The Utilities Commission oversees the rules and regulations regarding use and distribution of all utilities. They oversee the rates of electric and water in accordance with State Statutes.

### **Harbor Management Commission**

Meetings are scheduled to be held in C-8, City of Groton Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Authority: Ordinance #56, Section 3: 5 regular, 3 alternates. Term: 5 years.  
Appt. by: Expired terms appointed by City Council. Unexpired terms filled by remaining regular members of Commission for unexpired portion of term.

This commission's duties are to oversee the development and use of the coastal waters in and around the City of Groton.

### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Meetings will be held in the City of Groton Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Authority: State Statutes Planning & Zoning, Section 8-1 and Ordinance #41:  
Member: 7 regular, 3 alternates. Term: 3 years.  
Appt. by: Mayor and Council

Responsibilities:

The Planning and Zoning Commission operates under Chapters 124 and 126 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Commission is responsible for the review and approvals of a wide range of land use applications, zoning regulation amendments, planning and development projects, and grant opportunities to ensure that development and growth within the City occurs in a manner which is consistent with existing Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, existing land use and environmental policy.

The Planning and Zoning Commission also prepares, adopts and amends a Plan of Conservation and Development for the municipality, showing the commission's recommendation for the most desirable use of land within the municipality for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, conservation and other purposes.

Additional information can be found at the City's web site under the Planning Department menu or by contacting the City Planner at 860-446-4169.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Meetings will be held in the City of Groton Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Authority: CT General Statutes – Zoning Board of Appeals, Section 8-5:

Members: 5 regular, 3 alternates. Term: 5 years. Unfilled terms filled by CEO of City.

Appt. by: Mayor

This commission is charged with compliance of the Zoning Regulations of the City of Groton. They may, at their discretion, allow a variance of the Zoning Regulations when a hardship can be established.