

**CITY OF GROTON
SPECIAL GROUP II
MINUTES**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CC
6:30 PM**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A special meeting of **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Committee was called to order at 7 56 p.m.

Members present: Councilor Ilvento, Councilor Hedrick and Deputy Mayor Duffy

Referral Item #9

Discussion: The committee discussion requested that this referral item be deleted because it has been referred to a special committee for review and Councilor Ilvento was advised that they will be working to devise a plan for Thames Street Businesses.

Action: Committee will ask the Mayor and Council to remove this item from our current list.

Referral Item #10

Discussion: This was discussion on the need to engage our community in projects and activities they will both build and beautify our City while helping our residents become actively engaged in their community and with fellow residents. The idea of activities such as a beach clean up day and other projects were discussed.

Action: Councilor Ilvento will meet with the Mayor and the other appropriate City of Groton officials to work of the logistics of doing such an event.

Referral Item #11

Discussion: The Committee discussed establishing the following Citizens Recognition awards-
Youth Recognition Award for residents 12 and under

Teen Recognition Awards for residents 14-17

Adult Recognition Awards for residents 18+

These awards would be given out at an event, such as City of Groton Day, once a year.

The committee also discussed establishing a "Good Samaritan" Award that could be given out to nominated residents on a rolling basis at City Council Meetings or other appropriate times. There was a discussion about possibly naming the awards after individuals, but the committee agreed to name the awards "City of Groton" or "City of Groton Council" Recognition Awards.

Action:

Councilor Ilvento will research and draft criteria for each of the awards for the committee to review at their March meeting.

Referral Item #12

Discussion: Based on our meeting with City Planner Barbara Goodrich, who stated that we need to establish a purpose of use for the Mother Bailey in order to be considered for future grant funding we would like to have the Mayor and Council consider holding a community forum and receive ideas and input for use of the Mother Bailey House and following that meeting establish a general purpose for the building.

Action: The committee will request that Mayor and Council hold information sessions and community discussion on the Mother Bailey House in the immediate future and that based on community input and the advice of City Planner Barbara Goodrich we would like the Mayor and Council to establish a general use for the building so that further grant funding can be applied for to help with the necessary renovations and other work.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Duffy and seconded by Councilor Hedrick to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8 09 p.m.

Andrew Ilvento