

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, December 18th, Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., CR1
- Tuesday, December 18th, Town Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., CR1

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

No Shave November was a huge success. The Police Department's final contribution totaled \$4,025, which is over twice the original goal. The Groton Town Police Department took 6th place in Connecticut. This was an amazing accomplishment considering that this was the first year the Police Department participated and competed with some much larger departments.

Overall, the No Shave November campaign rose over \$89,000 for the Connecticut Cancer Foundation. Most of the money raised will go to the No Shave November Ambassador, Wesley, for his ongoing radiation treatment. The remainder of the money will benefit patients and their families across the State. Organizer Terri Eickel was shocked at the amount of money raised this year and hopes to reach \$100,000 next November.

Thank you all for supporting a great cause. The department saw some amazing (and some scary) beards on the officers and the public definitely took notice. Numerous citizens spoke to the officers about the No Shave November campaign and the department received nothing but positive feedback. The Groton Police Department hopes to make this an annual event to continue their support of cancer patients and their families across Connecticut.

PLASTIC REDUCTION SURVEY

Over the past several months the Conservation Commission has been working on a study of how the Town could address some of the negative effects of plastics. This project was initiated by the Town Council Committee of the Whole in late August and the Commission was given a six-month timeline to research the topic and

report back to the Committee. At the Special Conservation Commission meeting on December 12th, the Commission finalized a plastic reduction survey that is now live on [surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com).

The Commission also intends to distribute the survey door to door to local businesses to solicit comments over the next month to ensure a sufficient number of businesses are represented in the results. In addition, one of the members has been in contact with The Day, who will be writing an article and advertising the survey in the coming weeks.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2G8TGL>.

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