TOWN OF MONROE
TOWN COUNCIL
AGENDA

Session # 2026-11
Regular Meeting - Monday, May 11, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS & UTILIZING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

THIS MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED BY THE PUBLIC EITHER IN-PERSON OR ELECTRONICALLY IN REAL-TIME AS SET FORTH HEREIN BELOW

NOTICE: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PART VIA ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT LAW

All participants may attend in-person or remotely as follows:

- Via computer, tablet or smartphone at this link:

  https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89702292905?pwd=iTzoo9rGGrUrVJbKUjba0LxObROvgW.1

- Via phone at: 1-929-205-6099

  Meeting ID: **897 0229 2905**
  Passcode: **761589**

Please note:

- This meeting will be recorded and made available on the Town's website pursuant to state law.
- If you are attending remotely, please remember to mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
- Anyone participating remotely should state their name and title, if applicable, at the outset of each occasion that such a person is speaking.
- All votes taken during which any member of this body is participating remotely shall be taken by roll call, unless the vote is unanimous.
- The chat feature will not be utilized nor considered during this meeting.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the minutes of the Town Council Special Meeting held on April 20, 2026 (Session 2026-09).

B. Approval of the Tax Collector's Request for Refunds, dated May 6, 2026, totaling $3,683.68.

C. Acceptance of the donations received for the following programs:

- Community & Social Services: $370.00
- Edith Wheeler Memorial Library: $1,088.38 and in-kind donations of 1 Lyman Allyn Art Museum Pass, 1 Kodak stack loader, 1 book, 3 DVDs, 1 magnatiles dinosaur set, 2 games, 1 puzzle

- Emergency Medical Services: $895.00
- Food Pantry: $2,194.55 and in-kind donations of 2,658 pounds of food donations
- Parks & Recreation: $2,100.00
- Police Department: $600.00

D. **RESOLUTION #26-040: RESOLVED,** that Terrence P. Rooney, First Selectman of the Town of Monroe, is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of Monroe, the Contract and any associated documents by and between The Last Mile Racing, LLC for the "Mile Down the Pike" race.

E. **RESOLUTION #26-041: RESOLVED,** that Terrence P. Rooney, First Selectman of the Town of Monroe, is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town of Monroe, following Performing Artist Engagement Agreement, as well as any associated documents by and between the following parties:

1. Ben Mikula – The Singing Gnome

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is authorized to amend this agreement as may be necessary for, and limited to, the rescheduling of performance dates.

F. **RESOLUTION #26-042: RESOLVED,** that the FY27 Proposed Budget for WMNR is hereby approved as presented.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Memo from the Tax Collector to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding a Request for Refunds.

B. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding various donations.

C. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Last Mile Racing, LLC Contract.

D. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the Last Mile Racing, LLC Contract.

E. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Performing Artist Engagement Agreement.

F. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the Performing Artist Engagement Agreement.

G. Memo from the WMNR General Manager to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the Proposed WMNR FY27 Budget.

H. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Proposed WMNR FY27 Budget.

I. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding an appointment to the Commission for the Aging.

J. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding an appointment to the Conservation & Water Resources Commission.

K. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding an appointment to the Commission for the Aging.

L. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding an appointment to the Library Board of Trustees.

M. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Facilities Planning Committee.

N. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Facilities Planning Committee.

O. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the SPX Aids to Navigation, LLC Mater Monitoring Agreement.

P. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the SPX Aids to Navigation, LLC Mater Monitoring Agreement.

Q. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Birdcage Communications, LLC, Communications Site Agreement Amendment.

R. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the Birdcage Communications, LLC, Communications Site Agreement Amendment.

S. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the Connecticut Foodshare Host Site Agreement.

T. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the Connecticut Foodshare Host Site Agreement.

U. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated May 7, 2026 regarding the CT Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) State Historic Preservation Office Survey & Planning Grant Application.

V. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated May 6, 2026 regarding the CT Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) State Historic Preservation Office Survey & Planning Grant Application.

W. Memo from the First Selectman to the Town Council Chair dated April 21, 2026 regarding the Proposed Amendment to the Elderly and Permanently Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance.

X. Letter of Opinion from the Town Attorney to the First Selectman dated April 16, 2026 regarding the Proposed Amendment to the Elderly and Permanently Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Resolution #26-043: To consider and act upon the resolution regarding the appointment of **Beverly Doyle (D)** to the Commission for the Aging for a term ending July 2, 2026.

B. Resolution #26-044: To consider and act upon the resolution regarding the appointment of **Christine Williams (D)** to the Conservation & Water Resources Commission for a term ending December 5, 2029.

C. Resolution #26-045: To consider and act upon the resolution regarding the appointment of **Andrew Csire (R)** to the Commission for the Aging for a term ending July 2, 2026.

D. Resolution #26-046: To consider and act upon the resolution regarding the appointment of **Susan Verespej (R)** to the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending November 30, 2031.

E. Appointments to the Facilities Planning Committee;

1. Dona-Lyn Wales (R) - Town Council Member;
2. Greg Beno (R) – Board of Education Member;
3. Samantha Spino (D) – Board of Finance Member;
4. Domenic J. Paniccia (D) – Planning and Zoning Commission Member;
5. Michael A. Vitello (R) - Citizen At Large, construction project management experience;
6. Tom DiBlasi (R) - Citizen At Large, engineering/architectural experience; and,
7. Geoffrey Medeiros (R) - Citizen At Large.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Town Council Committee on Finance, Education, Health & Public Safety Matters

B. Town Council Committee on Planning & Zoning, Public Works and Park & Recreation Matters

C. Town Council Committee on Legislative & Administrative Matters

D. Strategic Planning Committee

E. Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Committee

F. First Selectman's Update

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of the following donations that individually exceed $1,500.00:

Community Center:

- In-kind donation for Gym Score Board –from the First Selectman Rooney Foundation valued at $5,236.00.

Edith Wheeler Memorial Library:

- $3,129.00 – for Children's Summer Reading Program from the Friends of the Library.

Food Pantry:

- In-kind donation from the sale of David Wang Cutting Boards – from Benedict's Home and Garden valued at $3,291.00.

Parks & Recreation:

- In-kind donation of memorial bench from Mark Christo valued at $2,700.00
- In-kind donation of memorial bench from Nazare' Aviz valued at $2,700.00

B. Resolution #26-047: To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the SPX Aids to Navigation, LLC Mater Monitoring Agreement.

C. Resolution #26-048: To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the Birdcage Communications, LLC, Communications Site Agreement Amendment.

D. Resolution #26-049: To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the Connecticut Foodshare Host Site Agreement.

E. Resolution #26-050: To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the CT Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) State Historic Preservation Office Survey & Planning Grant Application.

F. Resolution #26-051: To consider and act upon a resolution regarding the Amendment to the Elderly and Permanently Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance.

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

XI. ADJOURNMENT

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Anyone who desires to address the Council must adhere to the following rules of participation:

- At the start of Public Participation, the Chair or Moderator shall ask all persons desiring to participate to identify yourself by name, one at a time.
- The Chair or Moderator shall create a list of identified participants and shall, in their sole discretion, recognize each by name one at a time.
- Upon recognition, each participant shall state their full legal name and address for the record.
- All participants shall speak clearly in a civil, non-argumentative and respectful manner.
- Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
- Comments shall be directed to the Council as a whole & not to any single member, individual or entity.
- The Chair may alter these rules from time to time, in his sole discretion.

Failure to comply with the rules or any other conduct which is disruptive to the proceedings shall result in removal from the meeting.

Second Public Participation: Anyone who desires to address the Council during Second Public Participation must adhere to the rules of Public Participation as aforesaid except that comments shall be strictly limited to unresolved matters of Unfinished Business or New Business on that day's agenda.