

TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Cone Room  
Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Committee:

Present: Michael S. Mason, Chairman; Laurence B. Simon, Robert S. Stone, Edward T. Krumeich, Jr.

Board: Nancy Barton, Art Norton, Leslie Tarkington, Bill Finger, Steve Walko, Jim Campbell, Bill Kelly

Ex-Officio

Board Member: First Selectman Peter Tesei

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director  
Susan Welsh, Admissions Director  
Peter Sicienski, Fire Chief; Robert Kick, Assistant Fire Chief  
Amy Siebert, Commissioner; David Thompson, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department  
Denise Savageau, Director, Conservation Commission  
John Crary, Town Administrator  
David Ridberg, Police Chief  
J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Valerie Maze Keeney, Assistant Town Attorney

Other: Lloyd Bankson, Bruce Dixon, David Ormsby, Nathaniel Witherell Board  
Frank Mazza, Glenville School Building Committee  
John Craine, Harbor Master, Town of Greenwich

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Requests for Budget Adjustments**

NW-3 Nathaniel Witherell – Release of Conditions - \$96,000

Mr. Mason stated that the RTM approved this request, subject to release. Mr. Bankson gave an explanation for the request, stating that due to an increase in the census, the variable costs will increase. A brief discussion followed concerning cost overages and the use of the revolving fund.

Release of Conditions:

\$ 61,000	to	A450-51420	Prof Medical Dental
\$ 35,000	to	A450-53250	Medical Surgical Lab

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

FD-3 Fire Department – Transfer - \$60,000

Chief Siecienski explained this request is to cover an overtime deficit for the dispatchers to conduct the required protocol training for the civilian dispatchers, due to the training captain's retirement.

Transfer:  
\$ 60,000 to A205-51100 Overtime Services  
\$ 60,000 from A202-51010 Regular Salaries

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

FD-4 Fire Department – Transfer - \$26,000

Chief Siecienski explained this request is due to a rate increase and additional tariff charge. A Brief discussion followed concerning water service charges.

Transfer:  
\$ 26,000 to A201-52210 Water Service  
\$ 26,000 from A205-53300 Wearing Apparel

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Upon a motion by Mr. Krumeich, seconded by Mr. Stone, the committee voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 6:43 P.M. to discuss litigation matters.

In attendance were:

Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Geiger, Budget Director; J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Valerie Maze Keeney, Assistant Town Attorney; John Crary, Town Administrator; Peter Siecienski, Fire Chief; Robert Kick, Assistant Fire Chief; David Ridberg, Police Chief

BET Members: Mason, Krumeich, Stone, Simon, Finger, Norton, Walko, Tarkington, Kelly, Campbell, and Barton

The committee voted unanimously to leave executive session at 7:13 P.M. to discuss litigation matters.

SE-20 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation - \$85,000

Additional Appropriation:  
\$ 85,000 to P935-57350 Settlement  
\$ 85,000 from Risk Fund Balance

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

Mr. Mason stated the appropriations for capital projects, some are appropriated within the capital non-recurring funds, which do not lapse until the projects are complete and then the funds revert back. Then there are capital projects funds that are allowed to be appropriated in a given year. If not committed or encumbered, they can be continued in force for another year. Annually we've been working on the project on our capital appropriations statement which goes back to 2000, 2001, 2002, etc. This year the Finance Department sent a notice to everyone that everything 2007 and prior will lapse on June 30<sup>th</sup>, the encumbrance, the appropriation and the available balance.

Ms. Siebert and Mr. Thompson gave updates of the requested projects (PW-8 – PW-21).

PW-8 DPW – Continue in Force - \$200,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 200,000 to Z312-59620-29029 Cliffdale Road Bridge Drainage

PW-9 DPW – Continue in Force - \$500,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 500,000 to Z321-595600-29033 Holly Hill Master Plan

PW-10 DPW – Continue in Force - \$520,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 520,000 to Z312-59620-29027 Field Point Road Bridge Scour

PW-11 DPW – Continue in Force - \$1,100,000

Continue in Force:  
\$1,100,000 to B312-59620-29025 Sherwood Avenue Bridge

PW-12 DPW – Continue in Force - \$770,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 770,000 to J361-59650-29088 Old Greenwich Force Main

PW-13 DPW – Continue in Force - \$40,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 40,000 to Z312-59620-29028 Mill Street Bridge Scour

PW-14 DPW – Continue in Force - \$315,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 315,000 to Z312-59620-29023 Bailiwick Rd. Bridge Reconstruction

PW-15 DPW – Continue in Force - \$650,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 650,000 to Z345-59560-29041 Mianus Dock Master Building

PW-16 DPW – Continue in Force - \$350,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 350,000 to Z345-59560-29043 Town Wide Restroom Rehab.

PW-17 DPW – Continue in Force - \$120,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 120,000 to G318-59600-29100 Western Jr. Hwy. at Henry St.  
Pedestrian Island

PW-18 DPW – Continue in Force - \$50,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 50,000 to Z321-59600-28062 Recycling Area Paving

PW-19 DPW – Continue in Force - \$50,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 50,000 to Z345-59560-28028 Fire Training Tower

PW-20 DPW – Continue in Force - \$300,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 300,000 to Z345-59560-280852 Town Wide Restroom Rehab.

PW-21 DPW – Continue in Force - \$500,000

Continue in Force:  
\$ 500,000 to K361-59650-28099 Phase 2 SSES/Storm Drainage

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the requests and forward them to the Board of Estimate and Taxation routine applications.

FI-1 Fixed Charges – Transfer - \$410,000

Mr. Mynarski gave an explanation for the request. A discussion followed regarding past workers compensation claims, and unemployment compensation for seasonal employees and due to reduction in force.

Transfer:			
\$ 200,000	to	A902-57300	Workers' Comp. Claims
\$ 210,000	to	A902-57330	Unemployment Claims
\$ 410,000	from	A901-57100	Healthcare Costs

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

CR-1 Coastal Resources – Approval to Use - \$28,112

Mr. Tesei gave an overview of the Harbor Master appointment and budget resolution.

Mr. Tesei stated that these funds are derived from the mooring fees and the advisory committee worked with finance to come up with expenses that they believe that the Harbor Master will incur. A discussion followed regarding the Town charter, benefits of employment, and responsibility for the costs. It was determined that this item must be moved to the July agenda, due to the budget resolution only giving the BET authority after July 1, 2009.

Approval to Use:			
\$ 8,000	to	F115-51300	Temp. Salaries
\$ 500	to	F115-52110	Mileage
\$ 1,000	to	F115-53010	Office Supplies
\$ 1,000	to	F115-53300	Wearing Apparel
\$ 3,000	to	F115-53500	Fuel
\$ 4,000	to	F115-53520	Boat Parts
\$ 10,000	to	F115-54300	Maint. Of Boats & Marinas
\$ 612	to	F115-57050	FICA
\$ 28,112	from	F834-35005	RRR Coastal Resources

This item was moved to the end of the Agenda and no vote was taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Glenville School – Photovoltaic Roof Discussion

Mr. Mazza gave an overview of the project and an explanation of the proposed photovoltaic roof system. Mr. Crary explained the Energy Conservation Program block grant offered due to the Economic Stimulus Package. A discussion followed regarding the estimated cost of the project, energy efficiency and savings, and the timeframe.

Report on Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Gieger gave an update on the status of current economic conditions.

2010-2011 Budget

A discussion took place regarding the pension fund and the town charter. Mr. Mason stated that future discussions would have include spending, appropriations continuing in force, pension, labor contracts, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nathaniel Witherell Revolving Fund Resolution

A brief discussion took place regarding the resolution process.

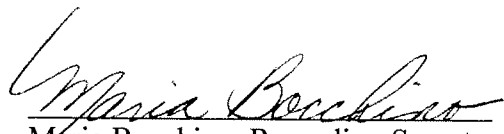
The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the resolution and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

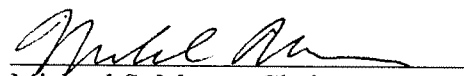
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2009, Regular Budget Committee Meeting.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

  
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Michael S. Mason, Chairman