

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Room
Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Committee:

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

Board: Nancy Barton, Stephen Walko, Art Norton, Leslie Tarkington, Jeffrey Ramer, James Campbell

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman; Lin Lavery, Selectman

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller
John Crary, Town Administrator
David Ridberg, Chief; Mark Kordick, Lieutenant; Greg Hannigan, Director, Police Dept.

Caroline Baisley, Director; Deborah Flynn, Business Office Manager, Health Dept.

Raymond Augustine, Director of Financial Operations; Lynn Bausch, Acting Executive Director; Susan Welsh, Admissions Director, Nathaniel Witherell Peter Sutton, Executive Director; Greg Hollop, Director of Finance, Bruce Museum

Other: David Orsmy, Bruce Dixon, Lloyd Bankson, Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors

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

Requests for Budget Adjustments

PD-2 Police Department – Approval to Use - \$10,000

Mr. Mason stated that this is a gift that requires the RTM acceptance. Once received, the gift will become an appropriation. Chief Ridberg explained that the funds are a gift from a private citizen that will be used for the Citizen’s Police Academy.

Approval to Use:

\$ 9,855	to	F217-51100	Overtime
\$ 145	to	F217-57050	Benefits
\$ 10,000	from		Gift

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

PD-2 Police Department – Approval to Use - \$50,700

Chief Ridberg stated that the requested funds are to be used to purchase two mobile license plate readers. He then gave an explanation of the various uses for the equipment which will be mounted on two police cars. A brief discussion followed.

Approval to Use:

\$ 41,900	to	F213-53070	Data/Word Processing Supplies
\$ 8,800	to	F213-52360	Rental/Maintenance of Software
\$ 50,700	from	F213-35018	Federal Asset Forfeiture

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

HD-6 Health Department – Approval to Use - \$13,960

Ms. Baisley stated that these funds are to be used to enhance the town's existing lead screening program, which is mandated by the State. Ms. Baisley then gave an overview of the program.

Approval to Use:

\$ 800.00	to	F40325-52010	Advertising
\$ 800.00	to	F40325-52020	Printing & Binding Reports
\$ 442.84	to	F40325-52150	Office Services
\$ 6,761.35	to	F40325-53250	Medical, Surgical, Lab Supplies
\$ 5,155.81	to	F40325-53640	Ordinance & Chemical Supplies
\$13,960.00	from		State Lead Grant Funds

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

NW-1 Nathaniel Witherell – Transfer - \$76,625

Mr. Augustine distributed copies of and reviewed the Nathaniel Witherell February 2009 YTD Financial Report with the committee.

Mr. Augustine gave an explanation for this request, which is due to cost overruns in salaries from the beginning of the year. There has been a reorganization of staffing since then. A discussion followed.

Transfer:

\$ 76,625	to	A450-51010	Regular Salary
\$ 74,825	from	A450-56280	Insurance
\$ 1,800	from	A450-58110	State Claims & Refunds

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

NW-2 Nathaniel Witherell – Additional Appropriation – 304,000

Mr. Augustine stated that this request is for an anticipated year-end shortfall. A discussion followed concerning the amount requested, a subject to release condition, and forecasted expenditures.

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 95,000	to	A450-51420	Prof Medical Dental
\$ 113,000	to	A450-51490	Prof NOC

\$ 72,000	to	A450-53250	Medical Surgical Lab
\$ 24,000	to	A450-53410	Food & Supplements
\$ 304,000	from		General Fund

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

Settlement Litigation Discussion

This item was postponed.

Discussion of Economic Stimulus Package

Mr. Tesei and Mr. Crary gave an overview of the proposed Economic Stimulus funded projects. A discussion followed.

Report on Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Mynarski gave a brief update of the Town's current economic conditions. He referenced the Revenue and Spending Reports for March 2009 YTD.

Bruce Museum

Mr. Sutton gave an overview of the Bruce Museum's recent acquisitions and programs. Mr. Hollop gave an overview of the reporting requirements. A discussion followed concerning the management agreement and Town services provided to external entities including the Bruce Museum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2009, Regular Budget Committee Meeting.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

Michael S. Mason, Chairman