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1.I. SUB_TO_APP_BET Law Comm. Meeting Minutes_1-12-2023

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**BET LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 6, 2023 - 3:00 P.M.
Mazza Room**

AGENDA

1. Budget Resolutions for FY 23-24 Preliminary Discussion
 - First Selectman's Office
 - Department of Public Works
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - January 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - January 23, 2022 Special Meeting
3. Old Business
 - Year to Date Law Department Budget Update
4. Executive Session Discussion of Legal Strategy for pending litigation for the following matters:
 - *Smith-Morton v. GBOE*
 - *TOG v. Lowry*
 - *Kordick v Town of Greenwich*
5. Adjournment

The next meeting of the BET Law Committee is scheduled for March 2, 2023 at 3 PM and will be either a virtual meeting, hybrid meeting, or in-person meeting, depending on the status of COVID restrictions.



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 12, 2022**

Law Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Stephen Selbst
Law Department: Barbara Schellenberg, Town Attorney; Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney; Valerie Maze Keeney, Assistant Town Attorney
BET: Leslie Tarkington, Laura Erickson
Town Departments: Demetria Nelson, Commissioner, Human Services; Jacqueline Budkins, Town Clerk
Town Boards: Michael Wacek, Chair, Retirement Board

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3.05 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 regular meeting and the December 22, 2022 special meeting

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to approve a settlement in *American Family a/s/o Richard Scarpetti v. Town of Greenwich* for a payment of \$11,434.54.

2. Old Business

FY 2023 Budget. Town Attorney Barbara Schellenberg reported that the Law Department was slightly ahead of its FY 2023 budget, having spent approximately 47.4% of the budget through the first six months of the fiscal year.

Proposed Charter Amendment. Michael Wacek, Chair of Board of Trustee of the Greenwich Retirement Board, made a further report to the Law Committee on

a proposed amendment to the Town Charter regarding the pensions of retired employees who return to work for the Town of Greenwich. After hearing his report, the Law Committee took no further action.

Opioid Settlement Funds. Demetria Nelson, Commissioner of the Department of Human Services made a presentation to the Law Committee concerning the Department's proposed spending in FY 2024 of the funds received by the Town from various national opioid settlements. Ms. Nelson explained that all of the funds would be spent on eligible uses in accordance with the terms of the settlements. Final approval of the proposed spending will be considered by the BET Budget Committee and the full BET in connection with the adoption of the FY 2024 budget.

3. FY 2024 Budget Resolutions

Town Clerk Jacqueline Budkins reviewed and discussed with the Law Committee the proposed funding resolutions for the Town Clerk's office with the Law Committee. Ms. Fassuliotis observed that the Law Committee would need to meet with the principal Town departments to review their funding resolutions in connection with the adoption of the FY 2024 budget.

4. Executive Session

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to go into executive session at 4.06 P.M.

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to exit executive session at 4.52 P.M.

5. Adjournment

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to adjourn at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Selbst, Recording Secretary

Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Law Committee



**BET LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2023
Mazza Room**

Law Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Stephen Selbst
Law Department: Barbara Schellenberg, Town Attorney; Laura McGeachy,
Assistant Town Attorney
Town Departments: Ben Branyan, Town Administrator; Amy Siebert, Department
of Public Works Commissioner
BET: Laura Erickson, Harry Fisher, Leslie Moriarty, Leslie Tarkington

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

1. Office of First Selectman Budget Resolutions

The Law Committee reviewed the resolutions relating to the Office of the First Selectman with Ben Branyan.

2. The Law Committee reviewed the resolutions relating to the Department of Public Works with Amy Siebert. Ms. Siebert will provide information on the “nips” bottles so that the Law Committee can review the proposed resolution from Human Services.

The resolutions relating to COVID-19 were also discussed in light of President Biden’s decision to rescind the COVID-19 emergency this spring and it was agreed that these resolutions would be either be modified or deleted by the Committee.

3. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 regular meeting. The minutes of the January 23, 2023 special meeting will be deferred to the next meeting of the Law Committee.

4. Old Business

- Ms. Schellenberg reported that the Law Department was operating within its budget for FY23, having spent approximately 52% of its budget for outside counsel through January 2023.
- With respect to the pending investigations regarding employment practices at the Board of Education, Ms. Schellenberg reported that the Town is working with outside attorney who is currently working with a company to determine who will be interviewed as part of the investigation. There are three investigations currently being conducted about the hiring practices of the Board of Education. The town is conducting a townwide investigation, while the state's investigation is more narrowly focused.

5. Executive Session

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted to enter Executive session at 3:43 PM by a vote of 2-0-0

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to exit executive session at 4:02 PM.

6. Settlement

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to approve a settlement of the action entitled *Smith v. Town of Greenwich* for \$18,000.

7. Adjournment

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to adjourn at 4:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Selbst, Recording Secretary

Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Law Committee