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**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
BUDGET COMMITTEE
CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW – 2009 - 2010 BUDGET
MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting Room – 9:00 A.M.
Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

Present:

Committee: Michael S. Mason, Chairman
Laurence B. Simon, Robert S. Stone, Edward T. Krumeich (arrived
11:00 A.M.)

First Selectman: Peter Tesei, First Selectman

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; John
Crary, Town Administrator;
Joe Siciliano, Director of Parks & Recreation; Tom Greco; P&R;
Fred Walters, Marine Superintendent; Dave D'Andrea, Griffith E.
Harris Golf Course Operations Manager; Timothy Coughlin, Turf
Operations Manager;
Amy Siebert, DPW Commissioner; David Thompson, DPW; Bruce
Spaman, Superintendent and Tree Warden; Garo Garobedian,
DPW Traffic Engineer; Alan Monelli, Superintendent, DPW; Richard
Feminella, Sewer Division Manager;
Betty Linck, Fleet Director

Board: Nancy Barton, James Campbell, William Finger, Arthur Norton,
Jeffrey Ramer, Leslie Tarkington, Stephen Walko

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Presenters

Department of Public Works

Ms. Siebert and Mr. Thompson started the discussions about Public Works capital projects by discussing bridge projects as listed in the Capital Project Appropriations Statement with the BET Budget Committee.

Mr. Monelli briefed the Committee on various capital projects in the Building Construction and Maintenance division. Mr. Monelli also discussed the condition of the roof at the Eastern Civic Center and the need to replace it. In response to a question from Mr. Stone, Mr. Monelli indicated that he did not anticipate any additional capital expenditures being required for the Center in the next several years. In addition, Mr. Monelli discussed the options available on the usage of the King Street property purchase, originally designated as a potential site for a new firehouse.

Ms. Siebert and Mr. Feminella answered a series of questions dealing with various Sewer Improvement capital projects, including a discussion of drainage issues in the Town.

Ms. Siebert discussed the asphalt paving program and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Monelli gave the BET Budget Committee members an update on the Public Safety Facility and answered questions from the Committee.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Siciliano and Mr. Greco informed the Committee on the status ongoing Parks and Recreation capital projects and answered questions for the Committee. Additional comments on Parks and Recreation projects were offered by Mr. Walters and Mr. Spaman. Mr. D'Andrea gave the Committee an update on the status of the golf course clubhouse construction project and expects the project to be completed before the start of the heavy golf season in the spring of 2010.

Mr. Siciliano and his staff in attendance gave a presentation on the requested capital projects for FY 2009-2010 and answered questions from the Committee. There was an extended discussion on the Organic Turf Program, mandated by the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Siciliano and staff informed the Committee that they have requested \$100,000 Indian Harbor Ferry Boat replacement for initial design work.

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Ms. Linck presented her replacement vehicle schedule to the Budget Committee and answered questions. The Committee and Ms. Lynck held an extended discussion on the economics of Hybrid vehicles and the potential cost savings to the Town. The economics depends upon receiving a state grant to defer the initial cost of each vehicle.

FIFTEEN YEAR CAPITAL FINANCING PLAN

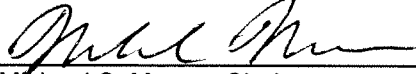
The BET Budget Committee members, attending BET members and staff held an open discussion on the 15 year financing plan.

Mr. Gieger explained the limitations or constraints built into the model that limits the ability to authorize and appropriate capital projects in the model. The committee asked Mr. Gieger to develop this model to show what is the minimum tax levy necessary in the next seven years to support capital projects already appropriated including those proposed in the 2009-10 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary


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