1. BET Meeting Minutes

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The Chairman, Peter J. Tesei, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Peter J. Tesei, Chairman
Valeria P. Storms, Clerk
   Jara N. Burnett
   Janice Gardner
   Frank E. Mazza
   Alma Rutgers
   Laurence B. Simon
   Robert S. Stone
   Stephen G. Walko

Absent: James A. Lash, Vice Chairman
        Kathryn Guimard
        Edward Krumeich

Staff:   Edward Gomeau, Comptroller
         Valerie Maze, Assistant Town Attorney

Other:  Peter E. Berg, RTM
        Bob Brady, RTM
        Michael Mason, RTM

REGULAR APPLICATION:
BRUCE MUSEUM – Approval to Use - $175,000
Request to accept a grant of $175,000 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of $175,000 to pay for an expansion feasibility study for the Bruce Museum.

Approval to Use:
$175,000 to F801-57210 Contribution to Bruce Museum
$175,000 from Grants/Gifts

The RTM authorized the First Selectman to accept the grant on behalf of the Town at its April, 2003 meeting. This action was required by the state to permit the First Selectman to execute the grant proposal, which occurred in June. However, to date the funds had not
been received from the state, and the BET had not made the necessary appropriation that would cover expenses incurred in the course of the study.

Valerie Maze, Assistant Town Attorney, briefly reviewed the grant and the relationship between the Town and the Bruce Museum. The purpose of the grant is to enable the museum to undertake a feasibility study to address needs and shortcomings in its existing facility.

Mr. Mazza sought confirmation that there are indemnification agreements between the Town of Greenwich and Bruce Museum Inc., regarding assurance that the Town will assume no financial responsibility for this project. Ms. Maze confirmed that agreements are in place.

Robert Brady, RTM Education Committee chairman, provided further explanation of the agreements among the state, the Town, and the Bruce Museum, Inc. that are on the September 15, 2003 RTM Call.

Upon a motion from Mrs. Storms, seconded by Mr. Stone, the Board voted 9-0-0 to accept the grant of $175,000, which will become an appropriation to the museum upon receipt of the funds from the state.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Burnett, the Board voted 9-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Sargeant, Recording Secretary

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Peter J. Tesei, Chairman

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Valeria P. Storms, Clerk