

1. BET Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES of the special meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, September 15, 2003, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, Connecticut.

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