

1. BET Law Comm. Meeting Agenda 07-13-2022

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**BET LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022 - 3:00 P.M.
Mazza Conference Room**

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Old Business:
 - COVID19 Update
 - Year to Date Law Department Budget Update
3. National Opioid Settlement Agreement
4. Recent Court Filings
5. Executive Session:
 - Discussion of Legal Strategy for pending litigation for the following matters:
 - *Mason v. Town of Greenwich, et. al.*
 - *Scanlon v. Town of Greenwich*
 - *Town of Greenwich v. Lowry*
6. Adjournment

The next meeting of the BET Law Committee is scheduled for September 8, 2022 at 3 PM and will be either a virtual meeting, hybrid meeting, or in-person meeting, depending on the status of COVID restrictions.

The Town complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. If you require an accommodation to participate, please contact the Commissioner of Human Services at 203-622-3800 or demetria.nelson@greenwichct.org as soon as possible in advance of the event.



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 9, 2022**

Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Stephen Selbst

Law Department: Barbara Schellenberg, Town Attorney; Valerie Maze Keeney, Assistant Town Attorney

BET: Dan Ozizmir, Leslie Tarkington

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3.00 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 May 11, 2022 regular meeting.

2. Old Business

COVID19 Update. Ms. Schellenberg reported that there were no material changes relating to COVID19 since her last update.

Year to Date Budget. Ms. Schellenberg reported that she continued to monitor outside counsel fees and expenses, and, based on expenses to date, it is anticipated that the Law Department will be within budget for FY 2022. Ms. Schellenberg informed the Committee that she has requested that all outside counsel submit their June invoices no later than July 1.

3. Recent Court Filings

Ms. Schellenberg reported that other than tax appeals, there were no new filings. Ms. Schellenberg reported that 63 tax appeals had been filed by the deadline.

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 3.08 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 3.27 P.M.

- a. Settlement. Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to consider the proposed settlement of the action styled *Jackson v. Town of Greenwich*.

Upon motion made by Mr. Selbst and seconded by the Chair, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to recommend that the full BET approve the proposed settlement of \$45,000, subject to a global Settlement and Release acceptable to the Town.

- 5. **Adjournment.** Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 3.28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Selbst, Recording Secretary

Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Law Committee

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LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Mazza Room**

Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Stephen Selbst

Town Attorney: Barbara Schellenberg

BET: Harry Fisher

Law Department: Valerie Mase Keeney

**Department of
Human Services:** Demetria Nelson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3.00 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

June 9, 2022 - Regular Meeting. Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 regular meeting.

2. Old Business

COVID19 Update. Ms. Schellenberg reported that several employees of the Law Department had recently contracted COVID 19, and that many employees were currently working from home as a result, but that the Law Department was nevertheless able to continue to function smoothly.

Year to Date Budget. Ms. Schellenberg reported that the Law Department came in within its FY 2022 budget. Although the Law Department has received all bills from outside counsel, Ms. Schellenberg reported that she was still waiting on some bills for expenses, such as experts and court reporters.

- 3. National Opioid Settlement** – Valerie Mase Keeney of the Law Department and Demetria Nelson of the Department of Human Services updated the Law Committee on the status of the national opioid settlement with the distributors, which was previously approved by the Office of the First Selectman in December 2021. Under this settlement, the Town will receive annual payments for approximately 18 years, and the first payment will be in the amount of \$24,819.34. Amounts in subsequent years may vary, Ms. Keeney said.

Ms. Nelson advised the Law Committee that the first payment was expected on or about the week of August 2, 2022, and that she will work with Mr. Mynarski to have the Town enrolled to receive its funds.

Ms. Nelson explained that under the settlement, there are a number of uses for the settlement funds, including treatment for victims of opioid addiction and education to prevent opioid health issues. No determination has been made yet on the use of the funds.

The Law Committee determined that the full BET should approve the receipt of the funds at its July 2022 meeting.

4. Recent Court Filings

Spillane v. Lamont et al. -- Ms. Schellenberg reported that the Town and other parties had been named in an action alleging that the Town's vaccination policy for public school students infringed the religious rights of the plaintiffs. Ms. Schellenberg advised that she was likely to retain outside counsel to handle the matter.

Scanlon v. Town of Greenwich – Ms. Schellenberg reported that the Town had recently filed a motion seeking recovery of attorneys' fees and expenses in this action.

Greenhaw v. Town of Greenwich – Ms. Schellenberg reported that Yolanda Greenhaw, a former police officer, had filed a claim against the Town with the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Ms. Schellenberg advised that she was likely to retain outside counsel to handle the matter.

5. 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 3.25 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 4.00 P.M.

6. Adjournment.

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Selbst, Recording Secretary

Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Law Committee