

TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
NATHANIEL WITHERELL STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Gisborne Conference Room, Town Hall

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Committee: Arthur D. Norton; Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Jill Oberlander; Nancy Weissler

Others: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Andy Duus, BET 2018 Nominee; William Galvin, RTM Budget Overview Committee; Danyal Ozizmir, RTM Budget Overview Committee

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 A.M.

**1. Approval of BET Nathaniel Witherell Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2017**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Weissler, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to adopt the September 14, 2017 minutes.

**2. Discussion of Nathaniel Witherell Business, Financial Models**

Mr. Norton thanked Ms. Weissler for the analysis contained in the draft business and financial section. Mr. Norton commented that The Nathaniel Witherell is an example of the law of unintended consequences, i.e. the Town ended up in the nursing care business as a result of a resident's gift to the Town. He stated that it is now left to the Town to determine whether and how to continue operating this business.

Ms. Weissler stated that she has shared her draft of the business model section with Larry Simon, TNW Board Chair, and Allan Brown, TNW Executive Director. Mr. Simon and Mr. Brown agreed with Ms. Weissler's presentation.

**3. Preliminary Outline and Discussion of Final Report**

The Committee discussed how to distill the recommendations in the report, and agreed upon the presentation of short-term and longer-term options. Ms. Oberlander requested that the report include a recommendation that the Town pursue a release of obligations from the grantors' heirs. The Committee discussed adding as short-term recommendations revision to the TNW Board by-laws and the hiring of an outside staffing consultant.

Ms. Weissler asked about the process for getting the final report before the RTM. Ms. Krumeich will research the process followed in 2005.

Mr. Galvin, observing from the RTM, asked whether there was a timetable to implement any of the recommendations that will be contained in the Committee's report. The Committee responded that this report will first need to be taken up by the full BET and then passed along to the RTM for consideration and action.

#### **4. Items for Future Committee Meetings**

The next scheduled meetings are October 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>, both at 8:30 A.M. in the Gisborne room.

#### **5. Adjournment**

On a motion duly made by Ms. Krumeich and seconded by Ms. Weissler, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 A.M.

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Jill Oberlander, Recording Secretary

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Arthur D. Norton, Chairman

# SUBJECT TO APPROVAL