



MINUTES of the Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Michael Mason called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chairman  
Arthur D. Norton, Vice Chairman  
William Drake, Clerk  
John Blankley  
William R. Finger  
Sean Goldrick  
Randall Huffman  
Marc V. Johnson  
Mary Lee A. Kiernan  
Jeffrey S. Ramer  
Leslie L. Tarkington  
Nancy Weissler

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman; David Theis; Drew Marzullo, Selectmen

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Peter Siecienski, Chief, Fire Department; Ben Branyan, Managing Director of Operations, Greenwich Public Schools; Joseph Siciliano, Director, Parks & Recreation; Carmella Budkins, Town Clerk; Thomas Greco, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Mason gave an opening statement as an overview of the evening's agenda concerning the FY 2014-2015 budget and decision process. He then referred to Mr. Johnson to give a short recap of the BET Budget Committee deliberations. Mr. Johnson reviewed the process and Budget Committee decisions and thanked his fellow Budget Committee members for their assistance and cooperation during this year's Budget Committee reviews.

### **PROPOSED FY 2014-2015 BUDGET**

#### **101 – Representative Town Meeting - \$14,400**

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

102 – Ethics - \$2,400

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

104 – Emergency Operations - \$141,646

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

105 – Office of the Selectman - \$965,264

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

106 – Purchasing Department - \$1,080,187

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

107 – Administrative Services Center - \$685,649

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

109 – Human Resources - \$2,705,136

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

111 – Probate Court - \$43,745

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

120 – Registrars of Voters - \$460,768

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

130 – Finance-Administration - \$1,949,442

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

131 – Retirement - \$651,761

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

134 – Information Technology - \$3,311,184

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

135 – Assessor - \$1,056,945

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

136 – Board of Assessment Appeals - \$40,400

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

139 – Tax Collector - \$549,745

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

140 – Law Department - \$2,628,355

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

150 – Town Clerk’s Office - \$618,604

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

161 – Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals / Zoning Enforcement - \$479,103

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

170 – Condemnation Commission - \$2,500

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

171 – Planning and Zoning Commission - \$960,035

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

172 – Conservation Commission - \$304,218

Amendment: To delete \$73,419 from Account A172 51980 (New Positions) and add \$52,175 to Account A172 51300 (Temporary Salaries)

Reason: Adding additional full-time positions to the Town's table of organization should be minimized given the high cost of benefits that are incurred for each position. This amendment proposed to eliminate the full-time position and restore funding for a twenty five hour per week part-time employee.

Ms. Kiernan objected to the amendment citing reasons for the full-time position recommended within the First Selectman's Budget Message. Ms. Kiernan said that new and ongoing work streams in the Conservation Commission have increased substantially in the last few years as mentioned in the First Selectman's Budget Message. Ms. Kiernan added that declining this full-time position was inconsistent with the additional staff included in the Building Department and Planning and Zoning just approved a few moments ago by the BET. She stated that increased workloads in these two named departments will flow through into the Conservation Commission where additional staff will also be required.

Mr. Huffman concurred with Ms. Kiernan stating the department needs an additional full-time position.

Mr. Ramer reminded the BET of a number of speakers, speaking in support of a full-time position at the BET Public Hearing. He added that they currently have a particularly skilled employee who may leave if this position is not converted to a full-time position.

Mr. Johnson cited support for the deletion of the full-time request stating that he felt there are a number of inefficiencies in the Land Use Agencies and recommended a study of the current organizational model and use of software systems. Mr. Mason spoke in support of Mr. Johnson's statements and invited Mr. Tesei to speak on the matter.

Mr. Tesei reminded the BET that this organizational structure had been studied in the 1990's by a Blue Ribbon Panel. He added the Land Use Agencies have been impacted since then by changes to State Statutes and environmental regulations.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Ms. Weissler, the Board voted 7 to 6 to support the item with Chairman Mason casting the tie breaking and seventh vote. (Opposed: Blankley, Finger, Goldrick, Huffman, Kiernan and Ramer)

172 – 51300 - Conservation Commission – Temp Salaries - \$35,000

Amendment: To add \$35,000 to Account A172 51300 (Temporary Salaries)

Reason: If the Conservation request for a full-time position is rejected, this amendment proposed to increase funding for an additional part-time employee. The part-time position would be for twenty one hours per week (three days a week).

The current budget included added staff for the Building Department (new full-time position) and P&Z Application and Enforcement (new part-time position) due to increased volumes. Much of the increased workload in these departments will also flow into the Conservation Commission, where additional staff will also be required.

In addition, other new and ongoing work streams in this department have increased substantially in the last few years as described in detail in the First Selectman's Budget Message, Conservation Commission Departmental Plan and in commentary before the Budget Committee. Of special note is Conservation's continued management of the Hurricane Sandy FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants for 28 local families on behalf of the Town and the First Selectman.

Ms. Weissler stated she was in opposition to this amendment citing the comments of the Conservation Director, Denise Savageau, at the BET HR Committee at which proposed staffing changes were discussed and voted on. At that meeting, Ms Savageau stated that the Commission's goal was to convert the Commission Assistant position from part time to full time and that another part-time position would not address their needs.

Ms. Kiernan offered that she too had a conversation with Ms. Savageau and that Ms. Savageau expressed support for an added part-time position and articulated a strategy for this position similar to the new part-time position added in PZBA.

Mr. Johnson repeated his comments stated on the previous amendment. He stressed inefficiencies in the organizational structure of the Land Use Departments and felt there was a need for a study to address these inefficiencies. Mr. Mason and Ms. Tarkington supported Mr. Johnson's comments.

Ms. Kiernan expressed support for a study of the Land Use Departments, noting that the BET just added a new full-time and a new part-time position to these departments without conducting such a study, and asked if this request could be supported with a condition on the formation of a working group to study the Land Use Departments.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kiernan, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 6-6. Motion failed. (Opposed: Mason, Norton, Drake, Weissler, Johnson, Tarkington)

173 – Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency - \$544,048

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

174 – Land Use Administration - \$343,657

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

195 – Commission on Aging - \$188,287

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

196 – Senior Center - \$692,995

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

101 – 196 General Government \$19,560,456

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 10-2-0 to approve the item (Opposed: Blankley, Goldrick).

201- Fire Department Administration \$1,508,527

202- Fire Training \$614,206

204- Office of the Fire Marshall \$665,765

205 - Firefighting Force -\$10,611,004

Amendment: To restore funding for eight fire fighters

A205 51110	Holiday	\$15,744	to \$502,744
A205 51380	EMT	\$10,400	to \$117,400
A205 51070	Night Differential	\$13,000	to \$167,375
A205 51330	Uniform	\$ 4,080	to \$52,530
A205 51280	Xtra Qualifications	\$31,200	to \$435,000
A205 51080	New Positions	\$223,777	to \$223,777
TOTAL		\$298,201	to \$1,498,826

Reason: To restore funding for eight fire fighters. The funding assumes the fire fighters will be hired January 1, 2015. These figures do not include the elevation of four officers to captain.

Messrs. Ramer, Blankley and Finger spoke in favor of this amendment. Messrs. Johnson, Norton, Ms. Tarkington, and Ms. Weissler spoke in opposition. Mr. Mason indicated much favorable progress is underway in the fire services. Mr. Tesei was invited to speak in favor of the item.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Blankley, the Board voted 3-9 to reject the item. Motion failed. (Opposed: Drake, Goldrick, Huffman, Johnson, Kiernan, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

201-205-5110 Firefighting Force - \$1,828,319

Amendment: To condition the release of \$1,828,319 until the Board of Estimate and Taxation receives documentation of activities integrating career and volunteer fire fighters.

Reason: Recent discussions regarding a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between career and volunteers show positive progress in improving certain issues within our combined fire service. This condition would provide the BET with progress updates on the MOU, similar to the progress updates requested in the proposed condition on training. Ultimately, the MOU should achieve a reduction in the above referenced overtime line, as well as provide further evidence to the BET that funds spent on volunteers are fully utilized by the fire department.

Mr. Johnson withdrew the condition on combined volunteer-career training approved by the Budget Committee. Ms. Kiernan commented on the progress achieved during recent discussions between career and volunteer representatives on a variety of issues presented by a combined fire service, as well as the importance to taxpayers of maximizing funds spent on volunteers within a combined service.

Condition:

Subject to release by the Board of Estimate and Taxation upon the Greenwich Fire Department reporting to the BET quarterly (starting in June 2014) on the progress of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Greenwich Fire Department and the Greenwich Fire Department volunteer entities.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kiernan, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 11-1-0 in favor of the item as amended. (Opposed: Blankley)

211-217 – Police Department - \$20,210,135

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

301-351 – Public Works - \$20,616,492

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

380 – Vehicle Maintenance - \$3,251,994

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

401-425 – Health - \$2,295,338

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

440 – External Entities - \$5,751,500

440 – 57221 External Entities – TAG - \$35,000

Amendment: To restore a portion of the funding cut.

Reason: TAG had requested a funding increase of \$91,700 to \$260,000. The Budget Committee has recommended a reduced increase of \$14,200 to \$182,500. The change would be an increase of \$49,200 to \$217,506.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 3-9-0 to reject the amendment. Motion failed. (Opposed: Drake, Finger, Goldrick, Huffman, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Huffman, Weissler)

Ms. Kiernan thanked TAG for the critical transportation services that TAG provides to the community. She and several members encouraged TAG to seek an interim appropriation when the program budget and details of the expanded ride program were more developed.

440-56225 External Entities – GEMS – \$4,386,000

Condition:

Subject to Release by the Board of Estimate and Taxation upon receipt, satisfactory review and acceptance of financial statements and staffing information from GEMS prepared in a format used by the Town. The regular financial presentation for the December 2014 Budget Committee and BET meetings continues.

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item as conditioned.

Amendment: To amend the Subject to Release condition to include descriptions of job functions of administrative personnel.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 6-6. Motion failed. (Opposed: Drake, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

501-509 – Social Services - \$3,115,454

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

600-675 – Board of Education - \$143,939,653

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

600-51990 – Board of Education - \$300,000

Amendment: To reduce the BOE budget.



Reason: The increasing staffing levels are not consistent with the decline 87 students or 0.99% budget-to-budget (about 1.0%). The \$300,000 reduction is 0.25% of the Recommended Budget's amounts for salaries and employee compensation.

The BOE budget is well thought out and responsive to the needs of the students. On the other hand, the BET has a duty to meet town-wide financial goals. The amendment makes an important step to achieving these goals.

The BOE has final authority to decide where the budget reduction will be made. The BET has confidence in the BOE's judgment in their decision.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 1-9-2 to reject the amendment. Motion failed. (Opposed: Blankley, Finger, Goldrick, Huffman, Kiernan, Norton, Ramer, Tarkington, Weissler) (Abstain: Mason, Johnson)

701-710 – Libraries - \$10,619,533

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

801-834 Parks & Recreation

801 – Administration- \$995,522

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

811 – Recreation Supervision- \$113,815

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

812 – Organized Recreation- \$952,963

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

814 –Eastern Civic Center - \$385,008

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

815 –Community Centers - \$23,587

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

816 –Skating Rink - \$234,351

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

817 –Western Civic Center - \$276,389

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

821 –Parks & Trees Administration- \$125,417

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

822-51300 – Parks and Recreation – Temporary Salaries - \$35,000

Amendment: To increase Temporary Salaries by \$35,000

Reason: This would increase the temporary salaries by \$35,000 to \$142,625, to enhance bathroom cleaning in the parks. The Budget Committee eliminated from the Community First program \$41,203 from temporary salaries, \$14,230 in supplies, and \$75,000 in capital for two power washers, two generators, and three vans. This \$35,000 funding may partially respond to public comment regarding bathroom cleanliness.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Blankley, the Board voted 3-9-0 to reject the amendment. Motion failed. (Opposed: Finger, Huffman, Johnson, Drake, Kiernan, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

825 –Parks & Trees Equipment Maintenance- \$174,166

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

829-53800 Parks and Recreation – Parks and Trees \$30,000

Amendment: To add funding for additional new trees to parks facilities.

Upon a motion by Mr. Goldrick, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 7 to 6 to support the item with Chairman Mason casting the tie breaking and seventh vote. (Opposed: Drake, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

801-834 – Parks and Recreation - \$10,397,475

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Total Departmental Operating Budget - \$254,883,817

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

901 – Town Contributions for Employee Benefits - \$89,872,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

902 – Unemployment Compensation & Workers Compensation - \$3,783,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

908 – Payments for Insurance Coverage - \$3,282,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

911 – Sewer Taxes for Town Owned Properties - \$660,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

926 – Non-Public School Bus Transportation - \$2,607,666

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

950 – Repayment of Debt, Principal, & Interest - \$26,259,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

999 - Transfer of other Funds (Ex Capital Projects) \$2,119,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

999- 57122 – Fixed Charges – Risk Management Fund - \$500,000

Amendment: To reduce Risk Management Fund budget item by \$500,000

Reason: The Risk Fund is already funded at a sufficient level to meet any anticipated payments in the next year and does not require additional funding for such purposes. If ever required, amounts in the General Fund could be appropriated for such purposes. Mr. Mynarski provided an overview of the Risk Fund and the General Fund balances, agreeing that this amendment was consistent with metrics scrutinized by rating agencies and sufficient for both Risk Fund and General Fund purposes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Huffman, seconded by Mr. Blankley, the Board voted 6-6 to reject the amendment. Motion failed. (Opposed: Drake, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

Total Fixed Charges - \$128,582,666

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Total General Fund - \$383,466,483

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

**CAPITAL BUDGET**

General Government - \$12,487,000

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Fire - \$343,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Police - \$586,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Public Works:

312-960 – PW – Highways - Asphalt Paving of Streets - B312 59600 - \$250,000

Amendment: To increase PW - Highways budget by \$250,000

Reason: To increase paving of streets line item by \$250,000 from \$2,750,000 to \$3,000,000.

Upon a motion to amend by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 6-6 to oppose the amendment, which therefore failed. (Opposed: Drake, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

312- Object Code 59600– PW - Frontage Rd. Intersection Improvement - \$1,000,000

Condition:

Subject to release by the Board upon notification to the Finance Department of state funding approval.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the condition.

312-983 – PW – GHS Soil Remediation - \$5,300,000

Amendment: To reduce funding for the Greenwich High School field remediation.

Reason: To reduce funding for the Greenwich High School field remediation by \$5,300,000, from \$9,000,000 to \$3,700,000. Government regulators have not given approval for the entire project to commence in the summer of 2014. The current request of \$3,700,000 will be for ongoing design, monitoring and remediation of the south side of the site.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item as amended.

Condition:

Conditioned upon approvals from EPA, CT DEEP, and other approvals as necessary.

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the condition.

321-59560 – PW- Waste Disposal - \$1,900,000

Amendment: To postpone the launch of the Holly Hill Waste Disposal Expenditure in 2014-2015 Budget

Reason: Due to large number of capital projects in the 2014-2015 capital plan in addition to the outstanding capital projects from prior years, these improvements to the Holly Hill Resource Recovery Facility should be deferred. The current year amount is part of a large plan:

Project Costs	
2014/2015	\$1,900,000
2015/2016	\$4,300,000
2016/2017	\$3,500,000
2017/2018	\$1,500,000
Total	\$11,200,000

Before commencing this large plan, the creation of a tipping fee for use of the Facility should be considered. Typical fees per ton would represent several millions of dollars annually, ensuring that users of the Facility bear the cost of these improvements.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 9-3 to approve the item as amended (eliminating the appropriation). (Opposed: Finger, Kiernan, Ramer)

B 312-59600 15134 – PW- Byram Park parking lot paving – elimination of \$183,000

Amendment: To reduce the parking lot paving for Byram Park from \$260,000 to \$77,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 7-5-0 to approve the amendment, eliminating the appropriation. (Opposed: Huffman, Finger, Reamer, Goldrick, Blankley)

Public Works – \$24,394,000 (as amended)

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Fleet - \$151,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Health - \$57,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Social Services - \$130,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Schools -

680 59560 – Board of Education – Advance A&E \$670,000

Amendment: To reduce Board of Education Account B680 59560 by \$100,000

Reason: Within the Advance A&E capital project, \$100,000 represents funding for a feasibility study to plan and determine the costs associated with expanding the New Lebanon School. The Board noted that \$70,000 of the \$100,000 would be more appropriately charged to a Capital Project because it would be the first phase of a capital expenditure.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 0-12-0 to reject the amendment. Motion failed.

Modified Amendment: Spending of \$70,000 for science labs from Board of Education Account B680 59560 shall be subject to release upon demonstrating a need for the funds.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Mason, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve this modified amendment.

680 59560 – Board of Education – MISA Building Committee \$2,070,000

Amendment: To phase in supplementation of contingency funds based on conditions.

Reason: to date, \$1.7 million of the initial contingency has been used with an additional \$1.2 million potential change orders and \$400,000 of general conditions and soft costs; totaling \$3.3 million. Unbudgeted environmental costs amount to \$2.3 million of that total. Additional contingency is being requested to cover \$1,770,000 excess environmental costs, \$300,000 additional general contingency and \$300,000 additional project cost. This funding will result in a 10% contingency for remaining project cost. Total contingency for the MISA project is 15.4%. Generally the Town uses 10% for new construction, and 20% for renovation project construction contingencies.

Of the \$2,370,000 additional contingency, \$300,000 would be available without condition. The first phase release should be met by July 2014, and would be beyond what some describe as the highest risk phase, getting out of the ground. The second release should be met by mid-February 2015 and would preserve the contingency for the Instructional Space at the level approved in April/May 2013.

Condition:

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
Subject to release by the Board of Estimate and Taxation upon receipt and acceptance of a plan that addresses the MISA construction issues and cost proposals to finish the project and released in two phases: (1) \$1,415,000 for Auditorium upon completion of construction of the concrete of the orchestra pit and seating concrete floor/slab and report on use of contingency, and (2) \$655,000 for Instructional Space upon receipt of Auditorium TCO and report on use of contingency.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 9-3-0 to approve the item as amended. (Opposed: Ramer, Goldrick, Kiernan)

Mr. Ramer proposed an amendment to change the wording of the amendment to eliminate “TCO” to insert “upon substantial completion”. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kiernan. The Board voted 6-6 to reject the amendment. Motion failed. (Opposed: Drake, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler)

Schools - \$10,599,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Libraries - \$1,428,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

701-59560 – Greenwich Library Exterior Masonry Repair - \$1,410,851

Condition:

Subject to Release by the Board of Estimate and Taxation upon receipt, acceptance and approval of a Library project presentation that follows the town bidding process including approval of the project's construction manager and that the process is under the direction of the Town Administrator.

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the condition.

Parks and Recreation –

832-59830 Parks and Recreation – Grass Island Drainage and Electronic Gate at Montgomery Pinetum

Amendment: To eliminate from this budget Z832-59830 Grass Island Drainage Project (reducing spending by \$50,000) and add back Z822-59830 Electronic Gate at Montgomery Pinetum (increasing spending by \$35,000)

P&R Department has reviewed their priorities and would like to install the gate while the already approved Park Lighting Upgrade Program is completed. Grass Island drainage work can be delayed until the following fiscal year. Net reduction in capital spending for FY2014-2015 is \$15,000.

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item as amended.

822-59830 Parks and Recreation – Greenwich Commons \$433,000

Amendment: To reinstate appropriation for the Greenwich Commons project because this project has the potential to receive significant funding from private sources.

Condition:

Subject to release by the Board of Estimate and Taxation upon (1) receipt of a gift of a minimum of \$250,000 from private sources, (2) acceptance by the BET of a plan for the Greenwich Commons and the Havemeyer streetscape, (3) MI approval, (4) Land Use agency and Town required approvals.

It was noted by Mr. Johnson that the previously approved amendment to B 312-59600 15134 that reduced spending by \$183,000 would cover the remaining cost of \$183,000 (\$433,000 less \$250,000) not provided by private sources.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item as amended.



822-54040 Parks and Recreation – Parks and Trees \$100,000

Amendment: To accelerate the Binney Pond Dredging Project.

Reason: Accelerate the Binney Pond Dredging project by moving the design funding from 2016-2017 to the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Upon a motion by Mr. Goldrick, seconded by Mr. Blankley, the Board voted 4-8 to reject the amendment. (Opposed: Drake, Johnson, Mason, Norton, Tarkington, Weissler, Ramer, Finger)

Parks and Recreation – \$2,993,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

999 966 Bond/BAN Acquisition and Interest - \$693,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Total Capital Fund - \$53,861,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 11-1-0 to approve the item, as amended. (Opposed: Goldrick)

Total General Fund Financing - \$437,327,482

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 11-1-0 to approve the item, as amended. (Opposed: Goldrick)

361 – Sewer Maintenance Fund - \$11,814,472

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

361 – Sewer Improvement Fund - \$6,195,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

450 – Nathaniel Witherell - \$29,998,747

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

670 – School Lunch Fund - \$4,022,299

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

219 and 318 – Parking Fund - \$4,795,086

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

317 – Parking Fund – State Portion - \$302,700

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

824 – Griffith E. Harris Golf Course Revolving Fund - \$2,055,919

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

132 – Other Post Employment Benefits - \$9,575,000

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

132 52950 OPEB Transfer of Funds – Rental of Subscription - \$25,000

Amendment: To transfer funds to 52950 to properly record the rental of Bloomberg terminals.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item as amended.

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Mr. Mason explained that amendments to two Resolutions have been proposed.

**Board of Education**

41. The Board of Education is authorized to accept grants made by the Federal Government and/or the State of Connecticut, including but not limited to under the following programs.

Title 20 of the United States Code including Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, 20 U.S.C. §7101 et seq., (including grants being referred by the State as Improving Basic Programs, Eisenhower Professional Development Program, Innovative Education Strategies, Safe and Drug Free Schools). Carl C. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Amendments of 1990, 20 U.S. §2301 et seq., Individuals with

Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., (including grants referred to by the State as “IDEA Part B Section 611”, Entitlement Grant, Pre-School Entitlement Grant and Silver Grant); Vanguard School Grant (through the State Educational Resource Center/SERC); Early Intervention Services Grant (through SERC); and

Connecticut General Statutes: C.G.S. §10-20d (School to Career Opportunities), C.G.S. §10-2621 (Grants for Improvement in Student Achievement), C.G.S. §21a-274s (Drug Enforcement Grant Program); and PL 103-382 Foreign Language Assistance Act of 1994.

**Federal Government and/or the State of Connecticut grants not listed above up to \$5,000.**

Each grant shall become an appropriation that the Board of Education shall add to the appropriate accounts.

Amendment: To insert a new paragraph “(c)” above in **bold** and move the former paragraph “(c)” to a new location as paragraph “(d)”.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 8-4 to approve the item (Opposed: Ramer, Huffman, Finger, Goldrick).

### **Parks and Recreation**

48. The Department of Parks and Recreation, **Parks and Trees** Division is authorized to accept (a) gifts of trees and plantings from the Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Inc., and (b) donations **of landscape contractor services to plant trees.**

Amendment:

In the first sentence, insert the words “**Parks and**” before the words “Tree Division. In the sentence beginning after “(b) donations”, delete the words “**for the purchase of trees to be planted on Town property. Such donations shall become appropriations that the Comptroller shall add to account A829 53800.**”

Because the Board questioned who determines where gift trees should be planted, it was decided to seek additional information from the Parks and Recreation Department for clarification.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 12-0-0 to refer the amendment to the BET Law Committee.

### **Addition of a New Agenda Item**

Mr. Mason asked the Board to add an additional item to the Agenda.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item.

Resolved: the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorizes the First Selectman to enter into negotiations with a prospective property owner to provide for a Northwest Greenwich Fire and Emergency Medical Station.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 9-3 to approve the item. (Opposed: Johnson, Drake, Weissler)

### **COMMENTS**

At Mr. Mason's invitation, each member of the Board commented on the process and experience of the development of the FY2014-2015 Budget. At the conclusion of Board members' remarks, Mr. Mason complimented all on their dedication and expressed his appreciation for their contributions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Weissler, seconded by Mr. Blankley, the Board voted 12-0-0 to adjourn at 11:02 P.M.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

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William Drake, Clerk of the Board

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Michael S. Mason, Chairman