The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M.

Mr. Lash welcomed Committee members and attendees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discussion of Claim

Mr. Lash called for an Executive Session to discuss a Claim.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, the Committee voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session at 5:06 P.M.

The Committee exited Executive Session at 5:20 P.M.

The Committee voted 4-0 to end the Executive Session at 5:27 P.M.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, the Committee voted 3-1-0 to approve an amount of $36,241.66 in settlement of Gregory McGuire and Stephen Schiappa vs. Town of Greenwich and Edward Fesko (Personal Injury) and forward it to the Board of Estimate and
Taxation as a Routine Application. (Opposed: Ramer)

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the amount of $9,479.36 in settlement of Travelers Home and Marine Insurance a/s/o Stephen Schiappa vs. Town of Greenwich and Edward Fesko (Property Damage) and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4 – 0 to approve the application and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

Mr. Hricay asked Mr. Chmielewski to describe the current condition of the Hamilton Avenue School Field and the BOE’s proposed plans seeking to fund field improvements that had been delayed by litigation. The field does not have a level surface due to its use as a staging area during construction, the installation of the geothermal system and drainage structures. Other issues impacting the field include manhole covers at the surface level and the poor condition of the turf. Mr. Sherr remarked that the BOE proposal seeks to reduce risk during Physical Education, Recess and recreation, and make the field more useable for community recreation. Ms. Tarkington raised concern about the likelihood of soils testing, and any impact on use especially with two other western Greenwich school fields not available for use. She also noted the School’s plaqued completion of 2008. Mr. Ramer asked if there might also be an alternative proposal to do the indicated work, but without the leveling of the grade, and Mr. Sherr indicated that the Board was electing not to come forward with such an alternative at this time. Mr. Lash agreed that the field is an incomplete project and encouraged the BOE to bring a more modest proposal to the Committee.

Mr. Lash called for a motion, but hearing none, no vote was taken.

Ms. Parisi presented the rationale for transferring funds from various Dept. and object codes to support professional learning opportunities for a BOE staff, to license cost for accelerated math program and to align a middle school science curriculum with Next Generation Science Standard.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee
Mr. Hopkins explained that the additional appropriation was needed to cover the cost of additional food; food sales exceeded projections so additional food needed to be purchased. The appropriation would improve the year end results of this Fund.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the application and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

Mr. Siciliano requested the Committee’s approval to transfer $4,900 from the Skating Park Reserve Fund to complete the funding of the upgrade of the Skatepark.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the application and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

Mr. Siciliano explained that replacement of the exhaust fan on the Golf Course restaurant roof had originally been underestimated and the additional appropriation was needed to complete the work.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the application and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

Chief Heavey requested approval to accept a FEMA U.S. Homeland Security grant to sustain Public Safety through training courses and equipment maintenance of the Dive Team and Marine Vessel 125, which would be combined with a 25% In-Kind Departmental contribution over a three-year period.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the application and the 25% contribution of In-Kind Departmental match and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine Application.

Chief Heavey advised the Budget Committee that the Department would bring one of each of the vehicles the department uses to Town Hall so that BET members could see the amount of
equipment installed which supports the selection of the larger of the two (SUV) for its new vehicles.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the Budget Committee's Regular Meeting January 10, 2017 as amended.

**Adjournment**

The Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:33 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be March 14, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Cone Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

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James A. Lash, Chairman.