

**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, February 3, 2014

Committee: Marc V. Johnson, Chairman; Mary Lee Kiernan, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: John Blankley, William Drake, William Finger, Sean Goldrick, Randall Huffman, Michael Mason, Art Norton, Nancy Weissler

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Michael Rosen, Administrative Manager, Selectmen's Office; Dr. William McKersie, Superintendent of Schools; Ben Branyan, Managing Director of Operations, Greenwich Public Schools; Lori Contadino, Director Commission on Aging; John Crary, Town Administrator; Kim Eves, Director of Communications; Mary Forde, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Board of Education; Diane Fox, Director Planning & Zoning; Amy Siebert, Public Works Commissioner, Public Works; Peter Siecienski, Chief, Fire Department; James Heavey Chief, Police Department

Other: Barbara O'Neill, Chairman, Board of Education

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM, after which members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Johnson welcomed the meeting attendees to the review of requests for operating and capital funds from the Town of Greenwich FY2014-2015 Budget. He indicated that there would be a number of meetings over the next two months to review submissions from the many Town Departments, the Board of Education and Appointing Authorities and encouraged the public to attend and learn how the Town's budgets are put together. He also invited RTM members to attend as many meetings as possible in order to better understand the budget.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY2014-2015

Mr. Tesei presented the Town's proposed FY2014-2015 Budget to the Committee.

Ms. O'Neill and Dr. McKersie presented the Board of Education's proposed FY2014-2015 Budget to the Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing session was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Mr. Johnson gave brief instructions regarding the Public Hearing session and the remainder of the Budget review process.

The following speakers addressed the Committee:

Mike Trogni, First Vice President, PTA Council – In support of the BOE operating and capital budgets.

Peter Berg, Chair of RTM Land Use Committee, President of the Cos Cob Association – advocated for the supplementation of Land Use staff in the FY2014-2015 Budget. He also asked that the Committee revisit POCD recommendations for Cos Cob because of its continuous growth.

Cindy Lyall, President Junior League of Greenwich – In support of the Byram Pool project promising additional “time, talent and treasure” from the League based on the Town’s continued commitment to the project’s completion.

Eric Brower, Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission – In support of converting the Conservation Commission’s PT staff position to a full time position.

Diane Fox, Director Planning & Zoning Commission – In support of converting a PT staff position to a full time position on her department.

Donald Conway, District 2 RTM member – In support of the Byram Pool Project and renovation of the Havemeyer Building

Sandy Kornberg, President Volunteer Firemen’s Association – In support of giving the Volunteer Firemen’s Association additional time to review the proposal for adding career firemen to Greenwich’s Fire Department.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Marc V. Johnson, Chairman