

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Cone Meeting Room
Tuesday, October 11, 2005

Present:

Committee: Valeria P. Storms, Chairman
Jara Burnett, Laurence Simon, Stephen Walko

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Sue Wallerstein, Anthony Byrne, Board of Education; Alan Monelli, Public Works; Joe Siciliano, Tom Greco, Parks & Recreation; Ed Gomeau, Town Administrator; Deborah Flynn, Health Department; Jim Walters, Police Department

Board: Michael Mason, Alma Rutgers, Bob Stone, Peter Tesei

Board Ex Officio: James A. Lash, First Selectman

Other: Nancy Barton, Art Norton, Leslie Tarkington, Incoming board members

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

HD-1 HEALTH- Approval to use - \$9,838

Request for approval to use:

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| \$6,960 | to | F406-51490 | Prof&Other Spec Serv-NOC |
| \$800 | to | F406-52010 | Advertising & Public Notice |
| \$450 | to | F406-52150 | Office Services |
| \$450 | to | F406-52920 | Work Transfer Other Depts |
| \$200 | to | F406-53010 | Office Supplies |
| \$978 | to | F406-53250 | Medical, Surgical, Lab Supplies |
| \$9,838 | from | | HERR - Grant |

This request is being made to accept HERR (Health Education Risk Reduction) Funds from the State of Connecticut for fiscal year 2005-2006. The money will be used for a High Blood Cholesterol Program and for an Excess Fats/Nutrition Program. Debbie Flynn, from the Department of Health, presented the application to the committee.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PD-1 POLICE- Approval to use - \$15,000

Request for approval to use:

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| \$14,782 | to | F217-51100 | Overtime |
| \$ 218 | to | F217-57050 | Benefits |
| \$15,000 | from | | Gift |

Permission is requested to accept a monetary gift in the amount of \$15,000 from a Greenwich resident for the purpose of funding the Citizens Police Academy. This donation will allow the Greenwich Police Department to conduct the next two sessions of the Academy. Based on overtime costs associated from prior Academy sessions, the approximate amount necessary to compensate the instructors is \$7,500. Attached was an estimated cost breakdown.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PR-1 PARKS AND RECREATION-Approval to Use/Additional Appropriation - \$275,000

Request for approval to use/additional appropriation:

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| \$275,000 | to | Z345-59560-26133 | Queen Anne Building Roof Replacement |
| \$275,000 | from | | Gift of up to \$275,000 from Greenwich Point Conservancy. |

This request is for the approval to use/additional appropriation of a gift in an amount equal to the actual cost, not to exceed \$275,000, from the Greenwich Point Conservancy, to remove and replace the roof, windows, exterior trim, and dormer shingles on the Innis Arden Cottage (Queen Anne Building) at Greenwich Point. Replacing the roofing, windows, trim, and dormer shingles will protect the integrity of the structure against further deterioration due to climatic conditions, while simultaneously solidifying its preservation, until such time as an agreement is reached with respect to its future use.

The First Selectman has asked the Director of Parks and Recreation to form a committee to develop a plan for the future use of the Queen Anne Building. The committee will be made up of representatives from interested groups, including the Greenwich Point Conservancy. Tom Greco and Joe Siciliano presented the application to the committee. Al Monelli stated that the estimate for the work is approximately \$288,000.

There was great concern from all members of the committee that this project was not part of the CIP process; in fact it does not even appear on the ten-year capital plan. Mr. Lash stated his support for the gift, as it will allow the building to be stabilized now without capital spending by the Town. However, this answer does not address the fact that DPW will be responsible for this work, although other projects were eliminated from this year's capital planning because it was thought that the department had all it could handle. The argument was made that the Town

should not discourage this fund raising group by delaying their gift for almost a year, since they are willing to continue to raise money to preserve this building.

Mr. Simon suggested that to simplify the approval process, the money should be put in the Town Wide Roof Replacement Account. In case of any cost overrun (although Mr. Lash said it was understood by the Conservancy that they would cover it), the money could then come from that account. The committee therefore agreed that the number of the project into which the gift should go should be changed from 26133 to 26044.

The committee felt strongly that the circumstances of this project are unusual. However its members also clearly stated that allowing projects to go forward that have not been through the CIP process should be done only in rare circumstances.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request for account number Z345-59560-26044 and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

ED-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION- Approval to Use - \$39,022

Request for approval to use:

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| \$ 3,500 | to | E92761-50111 | Teacher's Salaries |
| \$12,000 | to | E92761-50330 | Prof and Technical Services |
| \$ 3,500 | to | E92761-50510 | Pupil Transportation |
| \$ 2,000 | to | E92761-50580 | Travel |
| \$ 8,022 | to | E92761-50641 | Textbooks |
| \$10,000 | to | E92761-50690 | Supplies |
| \$39,022 | from | | Grant |

This request is for approval to use the Immigrant and Youth Grant from the U.S. Department of Education, managed by the State Department of Education. The purpose of this grant is to assist local educational agencies that experience unexpectedly large increases in their student population to: 1) provide high quality instruction to immigrant children and youth; and 2) help such children with their transition into American society and to meet the challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards as all children are expected to meet. This program operates as an entitlement grant.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

ED-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION-Additional Appropriation - \$166,800

Request for additional appropriation:

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| \$166,800 | to | Z6801792-59560-26092 | North Street Boiler Project |
| \$166,800 | from | | Capital & Non-Recurring Fund |

The North Street School boiler and heating system replacement project has recently experienced unanticipated cost overruns due to: a) asbestos abatement and environmental testing services, b) the need to remediate pre-existing conditions not related to this project but identified by the building inspector as conditions for final approval, and c) the failure of existing heating coils in the gym when the new system was activated. This interim request is in addition to the '04-'05 appropriation of \$600,000 and the '05-'06 appropriation of \$587,000.

It was noted in the course of discussion that provision for contingency should have been included in the 2005-06 funding for this project. Also Dr. Wallerstein reminded the committee that future capital plans will include an additional funding request for replacement radiators, which were not included in the scope of Phase I.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

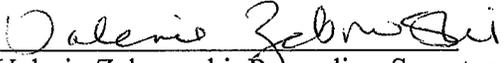
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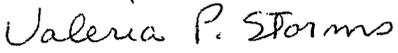
Upon a motion by Jara Burnett, seconded by Stephen Walko, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2005 Budget Committee Meeting.

Upon a motion by Stephen Walko, seconded by Larry Simon, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2005 Budget Committee Meeting.

There being no further business before the committee, upon a motion by Larry Simon, seconded by Valeria Storms, the committee voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie Zebrowski, Recording Secretary


Valeria P. Storms, Chairman