

TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
Investment Advisory Committee

MINUTES – Parks and Recreation Conference Room  
Second Floor, Town Hall  
8:00 A.M.

Thursday – September 4, 2014

Present:

Committee Members: Bill Drake, Chairman, Randall Huffman, Art Norton  
John Blankley

Other Attendants: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller, Laurence Simon,  
Retirement Board Member

BET: Members: Sean Goldrick

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

**1. Approve minutes of BET Investment Advisory Committee Meeting of July 9, 2014**

Mr. Norton made a motion to approve the July 9, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Drake. The motion passed 4 to 0 in favor.

**2. Approve minutes of BET Investment Advisory Committee Meeting of August 7, 2014**

Mr. Norton made a motion to approve the August 7, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Drake. The motion passed 4 to 0 in favor.

**3. Review and Approval of Retirement Board Investment – Welsh Carson Equity Fund XII**

Mr. Simon appeared to present the item listed on the agenda. He reported that this investment was a follow-up to previous Welsh Carson Investments: Capital Partners IV and Equity Partners XI. Mr. Simon stated that the Retirement Board was happy with the results from the two Welsh Carson investments and told Investment Advisory Committee members that the Retirement Board had an interest in the information technology and healthcare areas for investment purposes and this investment fulfills that need.

Mr. Simon also told the Committee that this would be a \$15 million commitment and Welsh Carson would be making capital calls starting in 2015. Regarding the New England Pension Consultant (NEPC) recommendation letter to the Retirement Board, Mr. Simon stated that NEPC was neutral. He added that NEPC was not against the investment, but felt that the Retirement Board is exceeding a private equity investment threshold that they were not in favor of. Finally, Mr. Simon said that if the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) approved this investment in September 2014, the Town of Greenwich would benefit with a 5% reduction in management fees that equals approximately \$75,000 over the life of the fund.

On a motion by Mr. Blankley to commit up to \$15 million in the Welsh Carson Equity Fund XII, seconded by Mr. Norton, the Committee recommends this investment to the BET. The vote carried 4 to 0 in favor.

#### **4. Amendment of Charter Section 208 (a) Proposed by the Retirement Board**

Mr. Simon also appeared before the Committee to present this item. Mr. Simon reminded the Committee that the amendment of Charter Section 208 (a) proposed by the Retirement Board and previously approved by the BET was presented to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) in January 2014. After a number of delays, the section was significantly revised by the RTM and is on the September 2014 call. The Charter amendment before the committee was not the one submitted to the RTM in January 2014. The one difference was that cash is included in the 25% figure, along with a diversified fixed income portfolio. Mr. Simon and Mr. Mynarski told the Committee that if this section were significantly changed, it would have to come back to the Investment Advisory Committee and then the BET. Otherwise, if the RTM accepts the language as written, then the BET would vote either to accept or reject the final version.

On a motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Blankley, the Committee voted to approve the amended version of Charter Section 208 (a) now before the RTM. The vote carried 4 to 0.

#### **5. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **6. Discussion of Topics for Future Investment Committee Meetings**

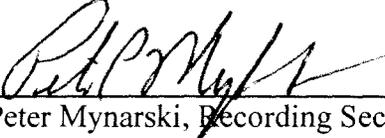
Mr. Drake advised the other Committee members that it was the wish of the BET Chairman to put together a study of the Town of Greenwich Retirement System. He requested that the Committee members put together suggestions to be contained within the study. Topics offered at this meeting were passive vs. active management of the funds, the structure of the Retirement Board Members and other related issues.

Mr. Norton suggested that the four Committee members be prepared to put together a strategy for the study at the next Investment Advisory Committee meeting in October 2014. Mr. Drake agreed with Mr. Norton's suggestion.

## 7. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Blankley, seconded by Mr. Drake, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

  
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Bill Drake, Investment Committee Chairman

  
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Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary