

**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
 BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
 TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
 Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.**

Committee

Present: Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Nisha Arora, Laura Erickson, Leslie Moriarty

Staff:

Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Management, Finance Department; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney; Larry Simon, Chairman, The Nathaniel Witherell Board; Laurette Helmrich, former Senior Center Employee; Lori Contadino, Director, Commission on Aging; Erica Mahoney, Assistant Director of Human Resources

Board:

Dan Ozizmir, Chairman, William Drake, Karen Fassuliotis, Harry Fisher, Jeff Ramer

Other:

Don Conway, GCTV

Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 1:11 P.M.

1. **Executive Session**

The BET Budget Committee held an Executive Session to discuss the following legal and staffing matter:

- Zackson v. Town of Greenwich and Board of Education
- Nathaniel Witherell Food Services Staffing

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to enter into Executive Session at 1:12 P.M. to discuss the noted items, the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora to close the Executive Session at 2:07 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

2. **Request for Budget Adjustments**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
<b>SE-16</b>	<b>First Selectman P935-57350</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>Settlement Zackson v. TOG &amp; BOE</b>

The matter was presented in Executive Session by Assistant Attorney, Aamina Ahmad.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to use \$60,000 from the Risk Fund to settle the legal case of Zackson v. TOG & BOE. Motion carried as a Routine matter.

This matter was discussed in Executive Session and The Nathaniel Witherell (TNW) was represented by TNW Board Chairman, Larry Simon. The request is to hire three (3) additional full-time employees, with benefits, in the food services section of TNW facility. The justification was that it was more economical than paying three outside, non-union, workers and it is intended to settle a union grievance claiming union work was being outsourced. The current outside estimated cost of paying outsourced workers is \$190,827 and the proposed cost, with benefits, would be \$128,191 with savings of \$62,636.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Erickson, the Committee voted 2-1-1 ( Ms. Arora voting no, Ms. Tarkington abstaining) to change TNW Table of Organization by hiring three full-time employees. Motion carried as a Non-Routine matter.

<b>CA-1</b>	<b>Commission on Aging</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>Transfer</b>
	<b>A196 53400</b>		<b>Senior Center Lunch Program</b>

The Director of the Commission on Aging, Ms. Contadino requested the transfer of funds of \$40,000 from various accounts into the Senior Center Lunch Program to cover expenses through the end of the fiscal year.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to transfer \$40,000 from various accounts for the Senior Center Lunch Program. Motion carried as a Routine matter.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

• **Economic Conditions Report**

Mr. Gieger reported it was too early in the month for the Economic Conditions Monthly Report. He told the Committee that he would forward a copy when monthly figures were available.

**4. Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to approve the Minutes of the BET Budget Committee Regular Meeting of February 22, 2023, the BET Budget Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora, to approve the Minutes of the BET Budget Committee Special Meeting of February 15, 2023, as amended, the BET Budget Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Moriarty, seconded by Ms. Arora to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary

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Leslie L. Tarkington, Budget Cmte Chair

The next Regular Meeting of the BET Budget Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL