



MINUTES of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, January 4, 2010 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Stephen Walko called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Board took the Oath of Office administered by the Town Clerk, Carmella Budkins.

Board Members in attendance:

Stephen G. Walko, Chairman  
Jim Campbell, Vice Chairman  
Joseph L. Pellegrino, Clerk  
Nancy E. Barton  
William G. Kelly  
Randall Huffman  
Michael S. Mason  
Arthur D. Norton  
Jeffrey S. Ramer  
Laurence B. Simon  
Leslie L. Tarkington

Absent: William R. Finger

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman; David Theis; Drew Marzullo

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Carmella Budkins, Town Clerk

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Chairman requested that Ms. Tarkington conduct the nomination process for the Board's Chairman position.

Upon a nomination by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Simon, and closed by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 11-0-0 to re-elect Stephen Walko, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

In nominating Mr. Walko, Mr. Campbell highlighted Mr. Walko's nine years of experience on the Board, his ability to address the issues before the Board in a full, fair, and open manner, and his demonstrated leadership as Chairman over the past two years.

In seconding Mr. Walko, Mr. Simon highlighted Mr. Walko's ability to accommodate and show patience with all members of the Board as they express their respective opinions, his

constructive and non-partisan manner in leading the Board, and his ability to serve as an articulate spokesperson for the Board.

The Chairman then continued the nomination process for the remaining officers.

Upon a nomination by Mr. Mason, seconded by Ms. Barton, and closed by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 11-0-0 to elect Jim Campbell, Vice Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Upon a nomination by Ms. Tarkington, seconded and closed by Mr. Norton, the Board voted 11-0-0 to elect Joseph Pellegrino, Clerk of the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

### **APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSOR**

Resolved that the Board of Estimate and Taxation appoints Ted Gwartney as the Assessor for a two year term effective January 4, 2010 and terminating on the date of the first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in January 2012. The appointment shall be subject to the provisions of Article 17, Section 293 of the Town Charter. The Assessor's salary shall remain at \$124,862.

Upon a motion by Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mr. Mason, the Board voted 11-0-0 to approve this resolution.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMPTROLLER**

Resolved that the Board of Estimate and Taxation appoints Peter Mynarski as the Comptroller for a two year term effective January 4, 2010 and terminating on the date of the first meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in January 2012. The appointment shall be subject to the provisions of Article 1, Section 11 of the Town Charter. The Comptroller's salary shall remain at \$167,843

Upon a motion by Mr. Pellegrino, seconded by Mr. Mason, the Board voted 11-0-0 to approve this resolution.

### **CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### Budget Committee

Mr. Mason - Chairman, Mr. Finger, Mr. Simon, Ms. Tarkington

#### Human Resources Committee

Mr. Campbell - Chairman, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Mason, Mr. Simon

#### Audit Committee

Mr. Norton - Chairman, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Ramer

#### Law Committee

Ms. Barton, Mr. Campbell

Investment Advisory Committee

Mr. Norton - Chairman, Mr. Finger, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Pellegrino

**LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2010-2011 TERM**

Board of Education

Mr. Walko

Finance/Assessor

Ms. Barton, Mr. Walko

Nathaniel Witherell

Ms. Tarkington

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Mason

Retirement Board

Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Simon

Department of Social Services

Ms. Barton

Health Department

Mr. Campbell

Nathaniel Witherell Building Committee

Mr. Pellegrino

Glenville School Building Committee

Mr. Norton

Greenwich High School Auditorium Renovation Building Committee

Mr. Kelly

Negotiations

GEA – Mr. Kelly, Mr. Pellegrino  
LIUNA (BOE) – Mr. Kelly, Mr. Pellegrino

OPEB Ad-Hoc

Mr. Pellegrino - Chairman, Mr. Finger, Mr. Norton, Mr. Simon

OPEB Trust

Mr. Pellegrino

BET Representative to CIP Committee

Mr. Walko

Community Development Block Grant  
Mr. Huffman, Mr. Mason

Shared Services  
Mr. Norton, Mr. Ramer

Revaluation  
Mr. Finger, Ms. Tarkington

Project Renew  
Mr. Walko - Chairman, Mr. Ramer, Mr. Simon, Ms. Tarkington

Fire Department  
Mr. Kelly, Mr. Mason

POCD Implementation Committee  
Mr. Campbell, Mr. Simon

POCD Sub-Committees:

Downtown  
Ms. Tarkington

Town Properties  
Mr. Norton

Housing  
Mr. Finger

Park/Transportation  
Mr. Huffman

**BOARD ORIENTATION – COMPTROLLER**

**Governmental Budgeting Presentation**

Mr. Mynarski gave a presentation to the Board on Governmental Budgeting. The presentation can be located on-line at the following link:  
[http://greenwichct.virtualtownhall.net/Public\\_Documents/GreenwichCT\\_BETAendas/BET/index](http://greenwichct.virtualtownhall.net/Public_Documents/GreenwichCT_BETAendas/BET/index)

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Walko concluded the meeting with his remarks regarding the challenges ahead for the Board. First he presented key information about FOIA requirements to the Board. Mr. Walko then highlighted the need to reduce expenses, maintain the town's infrastructure, and oversee a fair and just revaluation process. He also highlighted the town's need to address two major capital projects—Nathaniel Witherell's Project Renew and Storm Water Drainage—in the year ahead.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Mr. Huffman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Board voted 11-0-0 to adjourn at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

  
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Joseph L. Pellegrino, Clerk of the Board

  
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Stephen G. Walko, Chairman