TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
NATHANIEL WITHERELL STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Mazza Conference Room, Town Hall

Monday, January 9, 2017

Committee: Arthur D. Norton, Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Jill Oberlander, Nancy Weissler

Others: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Lori Contadino, Executive Director Commission on Aging; Patricia Burns, Chair, Commission on Aging; Alma Rutgers, Journalist; William Galvin, RTM; Ken Borsuk, Greenwich Time

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 P.M.

1. Approval of the BET Nathaniel Witherell Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

   The Committee approved (4-0) Mr. Norton’s motion, seconded by Ms. Weissler, to consider the December 16, 2016 meeting minutes after hearing from Ms. Lori Ann Contadino.

   At such time and upon a motion made by Ms. Weissler and seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to adopt the December 16, 2016 minutes.

2. Discussion with Lori Ann Contadino, Director, Commission on Aging

   Ms. Contadino described the core components of the Commission on Aging and asserted its value in providing Greenwich residents with connections to resources for themselves or their aging family members. The trend is to age-in-place and age-in-communities and the Commission works with the direct service providers throughout the community to provide an informal continuum of care – through the Senior Center, subsidy of transportation services, health insurance counseling, referrals to direct service providers including the Town of Greenwich Departments of Health, Social Services and The Nathaniel Witherell (“TNW”). TNW is one of several skilled nursing facilities with an established relationship with the Commission; others include the Greens and Greenwich Woods.

   The Commission produces an Annual Directory of Aging & Disability Services, a compendium of service providers operating in the area, and participates in the Caregivers Network, a roundtable of some of these local stakeholders. The Commission lists and does not screen companies included in the Directory. When making referrals, the Commission tries to provide at least 3 viable connections based on resident needs.

   Ms. Contadino described Greenwich’s participation the AARP’s Age-Friendly Communities certification. Selectman John Toner is the Town liaison with the Commission on this important project which aims to plan for and implement age-friendly development and policies.
Ms. Contadino affirmed TNW’s participation with the Commission and reported that TNW: is represented in the Caregivers Network; is a sponsor of the Commission’s Distinguished Lecture Series; and is a partner for the Commission’s late-life issues conference.

In response to Committee questions about additional services that TNW possibly could provide, Ms. Contadino noted that she has not seen a particular demand in Greenwich for hospice care. Instead, families contract with an agency for 24-hour, 7-day homecare. Additionally, with the increase in longevity, she expects to see an increase in dementia and an expansion of demand for services provided by At Home Greenwich and River House.

3. Discussion of Nathaniel Witherell Business, Financial Models

Ms. Weissler asked whether the Committee can receive updated financials and operational data from Mr. Chris Alexander, TNW Finance Director.

4. Preliminary Outline and Discussion of Final Report

The Committee discussed questions related to use of TNW property and grantor intent. The draft report might consider ways to formalize the continuum of care network.

5. Items for Future Committee Meetings

The next scheduled meeting is January 30th at 4:00 P.M. in the Mazza Room. The Committee identified 10 A.M. on February 10th as a future meeting date.

6. Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 P.M.

[Signatures]

Jill Oberlander, Recording Secretary

Arthur D. Norton, Chairman