



MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, January 10, 2017 in the Media Center Room 1 & 2, Greenwich High School, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Michael Mason called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chairman
Arthur Norton, Vice Chairman
William Drake, Clerk
Elizabeth K. Krumeich
James A. Lash
Leslie Moriarty
Jill K. Oberlander
Jeffrey S. Ramer
Leslie L. Tarkington
Nancy Weissler

Attended & Voted By Telephone: John Blankley

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Carmella Budkins, Town Clerk; Ben Branyan, Town Administrator; Melissa Brown, Senior Management Analyst; James Heavey Chief of Police

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

BOE: Barbara O'Neill, Member BOE

Public: Tony Turner, RTM D-5, Member Finance Committee and Health and Human Services Committee; Ajit Laroia, RTM D-11; Ken Borsuk, Reporter, *Greenwich Time Newspaper*

1. Filling Vacancy on BET

Ms. Oberlander nominated Mr. Tony Turner to fill the seat on the Board previously vacated by Ms. Kiernan. Ms. Oberlander remarked that he was a long time Greenwich resident, a serving member of the RTM and a member of the New Lebanon Building Committee.

Mr. Drake seconded the nomination of Mr. Turner commenting that he was a practical, cooperative, friendly and experienced volunteer. Mr. Drake indicated his confidence that Mr. Turner would serve effectively.

Mr. Mason welcomed Mr. Turner with a copy of the BET 2017 Calendar of Meetings and a Town

Hall Parking Pass, thanking him for his interest and willingness to fill the remaining months of Ms. Kiernan's term on the BET Board.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Mr. Drake, the Board voted 11-0-0 in favor of Mr. Turner's nomination to Greenwich's Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Mr. Turner gave the Town's Oath of Office, as administered by Ms. Budkins.

2. BET Committee Assignments

Mr. Mason announced the reorganization of Committee assignments after recognizing Ms. Oberlander as the Democratic Caucus leader. He remarked that Ms. Oberlander would join him as liaison to the Finance Department; Ms. Moriarty would join the Budget Committee replacing Ms. Kiernan; Ms. Krumeich was now assigned to the Human Resource Committee replacing Ms. Moriarty; Mr. Turner was assigned to the Investment Advisory Committee as well as acting as Liaison to the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Mason encouraged Mr. Turner to introduce himself to members of the P&R staff and its Board prior to its upcoming meeting.

He noted that at the BET meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017, the seating of BET members would be rearranged. Ms. Oberlander remarked that one advantage of Mr. Turner's new position would be to have the second to the last opportunity to speak at BET meetings.

3. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Board voted 12-0-0 to adjourn at 5:40 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of the BET is scheduled on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary


William Drake, Clerk of the Board


Michael S. Mason, Chairman