

Town of Greenwich

First Selectman's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Committee

January 14, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Mazza Room

Minutes

1. **The meeting opened at 2:10 P.M.**

Mr. Tesei welcomed attendees and introduced the newly appointed BET member to the CIP Committee, Ms. Leslie Moriarty. The CIP Committee will have two rotating BET members, Ms. Moriarty and Mr. Mason.

Mr. Tesei remarked that the Town of Greenwich had just received its annual ranking from all three financial rating agencies – Moody's, Fitch and Standard and Poor's -- for its fifth year; the Town of Greenwich's financial management practices were recognized with a triple-A rating. The rating favorably influenced the interest rate offered for the Town's Bonds which had been offered at the recent auction.

Noting that the Town faced challenges of raising healthcare costs, pension contribution, subsidies for Nathaniel Witherell and the school lunch program, Mr. Tesei asked the Committee to assist him to make discretionary decisions to reduce, adjust, or delay expenditures among the CIP projects so that the mill rate would not climb to 4.2% in FY17.

Attendance of Voting Members:

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| i. Peter J. Tesei | First Selectman – Present |
| ii. William McKersie | Superintendent of Schools– Present |
| iii. Amy Siebert | Commissioner of Public Works– Present |
| iv. Katie DeLuca | Town Planner– Present |
| v. Peter Mynarski | Comptroller– Present |
| vi. Joe Siciliano | Director of Parks and Recreation– Present |
| vii. Chip Haslun | Greenwich Library Board of Trustees – Present |

Attendance of Non-Voting Members:

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| i. Laura Erickson | Board of Education, Chair – Present |
| ii. Erf Porter | RTM Representative – Present |
| iii. Danyal Ozizmir | RTM Representative – Present |

Attendance of Professional Staff Supporting CIP Committee

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| i. Benjamin Branyan | Town Administrator – Present |
| ii. Melissa Jones | Senior Management Analyst - Present |
| iii. Roland Gieger | Budget Director – Present |
| iv. Ron Matten | Director of Facilities, Board of Education-Present |
| v. James Hricay | Managing Dir. of Ops, Board of Education-Present |
| vi. Alan Monelli | Dir of Bldg. Construction & Maintenance-Town–Not Present |
| vii. Angela Gencarelli | Financial Analyst- Present |

Other Attendees

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| i. Tom Grecco | P&R – Business Services Manager |
| ii. Michael Mason | BET Chairman |
| iii. Jim Lash | BET member |
| iv. Leslie Moriarty | BET member |
| v. George Sorenson | RTM BOC |

2. Approval of Committee Minutes from meeting of January 11, 2016

Mr. Mynarski suggested amending two errors.

Upon a motion by Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Mynarski, the Committee voted 7-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Committee Meeting as amended.

3. Overview of Meeting Schedule

Mr. Tesei reminded Committee members of the Public Hearing scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Cone Room.

4. Continuation of discussion of CIP Projects

The Committee discussed how their project ranking process was influenced by the First Selectman's positioning priorities on the original ranking sheet. Mr. Porter gave an example of how his personal priority would be safety, and therefore his rankings would have been radically different from the First Selectman's priority list. He suggested a reevaluation of projects giving the example of the Eastern Civic Center project for which private support was anticipated.

5. Discussion Regarding Next Steps

The Committee discussed how decision-making background information could be improved so that in the future, decisions were not made on information that is later found to be too optimistic. The political accountability process for scrutinizing the financials of proposed projects was reviewed. Mr. Branyan offered to try to integrate the 15 Year Plan with a Project funding model with Mr. Gieger and would work on updating CIP ranking criteria in the future.

6. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.