Pursuant to the foregoing notice the Annual Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderator’s Hall of Central Middle School on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.)

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, Carmella C. Budkins.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Town Clerk announced that Item No. 1 on the call was now before the meeting.

The Town Clerk swore in all the members present. The following individuals constitute the membership of the Representative Town Meeting for the 2016-2017 term.


**District 2** – Frank J. Baratta, Duncan G. Burke, Nancy B. Burke, Peter Jude Collins, Donald R. Conway, John C. Cracraft, Franklin I. David, Steven Krull, Katherine N. Lobalbo, Michael J. Metzger, Cecilia H. Morgan, Wilma Nacinovich, Eileen J. Toretta, Christina P. Vokwein, Douglas J. Wells;

**District 3** – Robert J. Allen, Michael A. Aurelia, Louise T. Bavis, Thomas P. Conelias, Dawn M. Fortunato, Rosalind Nicastro, Sylvester J. Pecora, Sr., Maude Ann Polo, Steven Rubin, M. Michael Warner;

**District 4** – Steven J. Bozzuto, William J. Clark, Matthew J. Crawford, Thomas J. Greco, Susan L. McCabe, Eric W. Maurer, Robert J. McKnight, Jr., Brian J. O’Connor, Maria M. Popp, Diane M. Roth, Romulo E. Samaniego, Josiane M. Schaffner-Parnell, Samarpama Tamm, J. Robert Tuthill, Donald R. Vitti, Bonnie Zeh;


**District 6** – Neil J. Bulger, Thomas J. Byrne, Marilyn R. Cahn, Carol C. Ducret, Jacqueline K. Hammock, Gunnar E. Klintberg, Coline Jenkins, John D. Lobrano, Arline Lomazzo, Brian J. Maher, Stephen Meskers, M. Julie Pisani, George A. Sorenson, Hans C. Thalheim, Horst Tetzbe, Alexis Voulgaris;


Attendance cards were presented show 191 present, 35 absent and 4 vacancies. The following members were absent in District 1 - George F. Chelwick; District 2 - Duncan G. Burke, Nancy B. Burke; District 3 – M. Michael Warner; District 4 – William J. Clark; District 5 - John W. deCsepel, Timothy D. Oberweger, Jeffrey B. Sahrbeck; District 6 - Neil J. Bulger, Robert A. Cenci, Jacqueline K. Hammock, Arline A. Lomazzo, George A. Sorenson; District 7 – Gerrit Argento, Ellen M. Brennan-Galvin; District 8 – Jennifer L. Freitag, Steven A. Gordon, Joseph G. Solari, III; District 9 – Jane W. Arnone, Barbara T. Darula, Deborah R. Krautheim, Matthew D. Russell, Sarah E. Russell, Stephen A. Warzoha; District 10- Alberto Ferrer, Nancy H. Marshall, Louisa H. Stone; District 11- Despina K. Fassuliotis, Ajit K. Laroia; District 12- Craig W. Amundson, Janet Lynn DeLuca, Teresa B. Ginsberg, Victoria M. Hackman, Ross J. Moore.

The Town Clerk announced that Item No. 2 on the call was now before the meeting.

Lloyd N. Hull of District 10 nominated Thomas J. Byrne for Moderator. The nomination was duly seconded.

The nominations were closed and the vote was now on the position of Moderator. The vote was as follows:

Thomas J. Byrne - 174

The Moderator took over the chair and announced that Item No. 3 on the call was now before the meeting.

Joshua Brown of District 8 nominated Joan E. Caldwell for Moderator Pro Tempore. The nomination was duly seconded.

The nominations were closed and the vote was now on the position of Moderator Pro Tempore. The vote was as follows:

Joan E. Caldwell - 178

Joan Caldwell was re-elected as Moderator Pro Tempore.

The Moderator suggested a motion, which was moved and seconded, to suspend the rules and combine items 8, 12, & 15 by themselves and also combine items 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, & 16 in a second group by themselves.

Motion Carried
The adoption of the motion to suspend the rules created two separate groups of combined items, and left items 4, 17, 18, & 19 to be considered separately, items 5 & 13 having been withdrawn.

The Moderator announced that the first set of combined items were now before the meeting.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 8.

8. **RESOLVED,** that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Health for a term expiring 3/31/20.

   **MARILYN ROSS CAHN**

Amy Siebert, Commissioner of Public Works, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 12.

12. **RESOLVED,** that the sum of $165,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the following account: Z315-59830-16220 known as “William Street Field Remediation”.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 15.

15. **RESOLVED,** that the following named person, re-nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/19.

   **WINSTON A. ROBINSON**

The vote was now on the first set of combined items.

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   **Items Carried**

The Moderator announced that the second set of combined items were now before the meeting.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman, offered the following resolutions, which were duly moved and seconded regarding Items No. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, & 16.
6. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency for a term expiring 3/31/20.

   ALAN B. HARRIS, JR.

7. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/19.

   BARBARA NOLAN

9. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Health for a term expiring 3/31/20.

   JULIA CHIAPPETTA

10. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/19.

    JOHN M. HARTWELL

11. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring 3/31/19.

    ROBERT F. GRELE

14. RESOLVED, that the following named person, re-nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a regular member of the Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors for a term expiring 3/31/19.

    LAURENCE B. SIMON

16. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring 3/31/19.

    REV. IAN JEREMIAH

Peter E. Berg, Member of District 8, made a motion which was moved and seconded to postpone the second set of combined items to March 14, 2016.

Upon a voice vote, motion carried
The Moderator announced that Item No. 4 which was postponed from December 14, 2015 was now before the meeting.

4. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a regular member of the Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors for a term expiring 3/31/18.

   LAWRENCE POSNER

The Moderator made a motion, which was duly moved and seconded to postpone Item No. 4 to March 14, 2016.

   Upon a voice vote, motion carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 17 was now before the meeting.

Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 17.

17. RESOLVED, that the RTM hereby approves the modification of two loans from the Town to Parsonage Cottage Senior Residence, LP, which loans were originally issued in 1995 for the renovation of Parsonage Cottage; the RTM also hereby approves the modification of the 1995 Operating Agreement between the Town, the Housing Authority and Parsonage Cottage Senior Residence, LP, said modifications to be in accordance with the terms approved by the Board of Estimate and Taxation and the Board of Selectmen, and attached hereto.

The vote was now on Item No. 17.

   In Favor - 167
   Against - 11
   Abstentions - 8

   Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 18 was now before meeting.

Joshua H. Brown, Member of District 8, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 18.

18. RESOLVED, that Chapter V, Section G of the RTM Rules (dated 9/1/2014) is hereby amended, effective June 1, 2016, to read as follows:
G. BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS

Each Standing Committee, except for the Appointments Committee, is to review and help the RTM membership understand the coming fiscal year’s budget request. Each Standing Committee Chair is to:

- Provide guidance to Committee members on what departments are to be reviewed, contacts within those departments, what the budget is, the powers of the RTM and the process they will be asked to follow in order to report to the Standing Committee, as well as the RTM.

- Engage with appropriate department and budget leaders to understand the services provided, value derived and the associated cost drivers in their budget request, focusing on departmental needs, priorities, changes and deferments.

- Liaise with other Standing and Special Committees, as appropriate, to coordinate such review activities.

- Produce three reports to the RTM website consisting of updates on progress preparing for the budget, a mid-process update and a final report. The mid-process report should be prepared, distributed and uploaded to the RTM website in concert with the release of the First Selectman’s budget. The final report should be prepared, distributed and uploaded to the RTM website no later than the date of the Town Clerk Mailing the April Call.

The Standing Committee Chair should then plan and prepare their Committee members to follow the schedule of suggested activities to aid in the development of their review and recommendations.

The Chair of each Standing Committee may, at their discretion, designate one or more members of their Standing Committee to drive and coordinate the preparation and review activities.

Additionally, each Standing Committee should periodically receive, review and discuss interim financial statements with the appropriate department and budget leadership. Understanding the ‘current’ activities can help in the next years’ budget discussions.

Guidance for the RTM Standing Committee Annual Budget Review

The following guidance is offered to assist the Standing Committee Chairs:

Appropriate Committees can provide additional guidance regarding the form and content of the reports Standing Committees prepare as a result of their budget review.
The following timeline is intended to align with the “Timeline for the Budget Process” found on pages 38-39 of the 2014-2016 BET Reference Book and should be adjusted by the Legislative and Rules Committee accordingly for any future revision thereof.

**September:**

1) As soon as possible after the previous fiscal year budget vote, and no later than the September RTM meeting, Standing Committees should establish or assign its members to budget sub-committees whose purpose is to monitor and report the Town budget proceedings involving their respective functional Town departments.

2) Standing Committee Chairs should
   
   a) share the budget area assignments to the appropriate department / budget area leadership as well as posting on the RTM website prior to the October Call
   
   b) post changes to budget sub-committee membership to the RTM website as may become necessary
   
   c) provide an overview of the budget review process, insights about the departments to be reviewed as well as a model of the assessment to be conducted
   
   d) set-up meetings with the appropriate department and budget leadership to review their respective budget process for the upcoming fiscal year
   
   e) provide periodic reports on the progress of the budget review as well as any planned upcoming meetings or discussions. Such reports should be posted on the RTM website as well as shared with the appropriate department and budget leadership

3) Standing Committees are encouraged to invite public input as early as possible in order to shape budget discussions.

**September – December:**

1) Public meetings may be arranged with representatives of the RTM, BET and First Selectman to discuss the BET Budget Guidelines and their approach and priorities to developing their proposed budget.

2) Assigned budget review members of the Standing Committees should meet with the appropriate department and budget leadership and report on key findings / departures.

**December through February:**

1) Each Standing Committee Chair, requests and distributes copies of
available departmental budget requests along with supporting
documentation on behalf of its budget Sub-Committees.

2) Standing Committee Chair prepares, distributes and uploads to the RTM
website the mid-process report.

3) Budget sub-Committees monitor the development of the budget requests of
their assigned departments and attend, to the extent possible, scheduled
meeting between department heads and the Budget Committee of the BET.
Budget sub-Committees should prepare and distribute a summary report on
these meetings to their respective Standing Committees prior to the March
RTM Committee meeting. The Standing Committee Chair should prepare
overall conclusions and recommendations and post any such report on the
RTM website.

4) Budget sub-committees, at their own discretion, conduct research into
noteworthy line item requests and discuss these with department
managers and share their findings with their respective Standing
Committees.

Reports on these items reports are posted on the RTM website prior to the end of March.

**February- Mid April:**

1) Each Standing Committee which has identified reinstatements or
reductions to the Recommended Budget should prepare a brief report
with its findings and recommendations. Such report should be
discussed with the appropriate department and budget leadership to
clarify, to the extent possible. Consideration should be given to
present such at public meetings prior to the BET voting on the
budget.

**April:**

1) Standing Committees prepare their final reports on the budget.

2) Standing Committees submit their final budget conclusions and
recommendations in a written report to the Town Clerk.

3) The Town Clerk will distribute written reports, together with the Proposed
Budget, to the members of the RTM as part of the May meeting packet

**May:**

1) At the RTM budget meeting, if a Standing Committee plans to offer a line
item amendment, the Committee Chair shall offer a Standing Committee
report in accordance with *Rules of the RTM, Section III G., “Making
Standing Committee Reports.”*
Alan A. Small, Chairman of Transportation Committee, made a motion to amend Item No. 18 as follows:

- In paragraph 5 of G Budget Planning Process, third line, replace “in concert with” with “on or before”.
- In paragraph 5 of G Budget Planning Process, sixth line, replace “Call” with “RTM Meeting”.
- In paragraph 6 of G Budget Planning Process, first line, replace “plan and prepare” with “recommend”.
- In paragraph September section 2a, second line, replace “Call” with “RTM Meeting”.

The amendments were adopted by unanimous consent.

Alan A. Small, Chairman of Transportation Committee, made a motion to move “Guidance for the RTM Standing Committee Annual Budget Review” to Appendix H.

The vote was now on the Transportation Committee Motion.

- In Favor - 75
- Against - 98
- Abstentions - 7

Motion Failed

The vote was now on Item No. 18 as amended.

- In Favor - 119
- Against - 47
- Abstentions - 9

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 19 was now before the meeting.

Douglas J. Wells, Member of District 2, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 19.

19. RESOLVED, that the regular meeting dates for the 2016-2017 RTM term shall be as set forth below, and those dates shall preempt any provisions of the RTM Rules that may be in conflict (for the 2016-2017 term only):

2016:
- Tuesday, January 19; Monday, March 14; Monday, April 11; Monday, May 9; Monday, June 13; Monday, September 19; Monday, October 24; Monday, December 12;

2017:
Joshua H. Brown, Chairman of Education Committee, made a motion to change April 10, 2017 to April 17, 2017 and leave committee meetings during week of April 3rd 2017, due to school vacation.

Upon a voice vote, motion carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 5 & 13 were withdrawn from the call of the meeting.

5. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency for a term expiring 3/31/20.

STEVEN A. FONG

13. Whereas, at its November 24, 2015, meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission deferred the application for Municipal Improvement (application PLPZ 2015 00450 per Section 99 of the Town Charter) for the construction of “Scheme D” of the new Elementary School Building on property located at 25 Mead Avenue in the R-6 zone, and the Planning & Zoning Commission published its decision in Greenwich Time on December 1, 2015 (effective December 2, 2015),

Whereas, pursuant to Charter §100(b), the Municipal Improvement in question has been referred to the Representative Town Meeting by a Greenwich property owner,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Representative Town Meeting approves Municipal Improvement status for “Scheme D” on land at 25 Mead Avenue.

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent at 10:03p.m.

ATTEST:

CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK