



Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held via Zoom Webinar on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Thomas J. Byrne.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Kimberley Spezzano, Assistant Town Clerk swore in new members in District 6 – Emily V. Hunt.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the Call for the meeting, the reading of the Call would be omitted.

Attendance cards were presented showing 224 present, 6 absent and 0 vacancy.

District 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 & 12 had perfect attendance.

District 3 - Ed J. Lopez, Allison M. Walsh; District 7 – Debbie L. Appelbaum, Luke Szymczak; District 8 – Carlton M. “Carl” Higbie, IV; District 10 – Gerald L. Anderson.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments. There being none, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Adam Rothman, Chairman of District 3, offered the following tribute to Eduardo Lopez-Perez who was deployed to Washington, D.C. for the National Guard.

Thank you Mr. Moderator, First Selectman, and Members of the RTM.

I rise today to call your attention to one of our members from District 3 who has been mobilized in support of our democracy at the US Capitol.

Specialist Eduardo Lopez-Reyes is a citizen soldier with the New York National Guard. For those of you not familiar with Ed he speaks 3 languages, at age 23 he ran for Secretary of State in Rhode Island. He is currently working on his Ph.D. as well as being a political consultant working on various political and social justice causes throughout our country.

Locally he is a proud member of District 3 and the Vice Chairman of our Appointments committee.

Ed is the essence of our democracy in action on both a local and national level. I’m proud to have Ed as a member of District 3 and equally proud to call him my friend.

We thank him for his service and for standing tall on the wall in protection of our democracy.

I ask that this be entered into the record.

The membership observed a moment for Eduardo Lopez-Reyes.

The Moderator announced that Item Nos. 4 & 5 on the Call had been withdrawn.

4. Whereas, the proposed plan to update the Greenwich High School Cardinal Stadium ("Cardinal Stadium Project") will involve many different phases of construction as well as significant changes to the existing infrastructure and could cost more than 20mm million dollars depending on what approvals are applied for and obtained; and

Whereas, the Cardinal Stadium Project will impact not only the Greenwich High School community but the entire Town of Greenwich; and

Whereas, review and oversight of the Cardinal Stadium Project should be a process involving not only the Greenwich Board of Education, but also the Greenwich High School community as a whole, Town of Greenwich officials, the Greenwich Department of Public Works and the citizens of Greenwich; and

Whereas, the established practice of forming a building committee to oversee significant public construction projects in the Town of Greenwich has been highly successful, given the wealth of Greenwich residents with extraordinary experience who are willing to donate their time and expertise.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that it is the sense of this RTM that (i) a building committee should be nominated by the Board of Selectman and approved by the RTM to oversee all phases of the Cardinal Stadium Project; and (ii) no further expenditures for the Cardinal Stadium Project be considered until such committee is formed.

5. WHEREAS, an application pursuant to Section 99 of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich having been filed by Alan Monelli, Superintendent of the Building Construction & Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works, authorized agent for the Town of Greenwich, for a Municipal Improvement, for demolition and reconstruction of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center located at 90 Harding Road;

WHEREAS, said application for Municipal Improvement was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 17, 2020, a notice of which approval was posted on November 24, 2020;

WHEREAS, said application has been referred to the Representative Town Meeting by property owners Robert Burton, Randy Caravella, Richard Fulton, Mike Jedlicka, Rick

Kral, Abbe Large and Liz Tommaasino, members of the Executive Board of the Greenwich Athletic Foundation, pursuant to Section 100 of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich:

RESOLVED, that the application pursuant to Section 99 of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich for a Municipal Improvement for demolition and reconstruction of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center located at 90 Harding Road is hereby approved by the Representative Town Meeting.

Pursuant to the RTM rules, the Moderator designated that the following items be placed on the consent calendar – 1, 7(substitute resolution) & 8.

The items on the Consent Calendar are as follows:

1. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Board of Ethics (R4) for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

STEPHANIE JOHNSON

7. (substitute resolution) **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission (A2) for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

ROBERT BAROLAK

8. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals (A3) for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

J. ERIC IVESTER

The vote was now on the Consent Calendar.

In Favor	-	210
Against	-	0
Abstentions	-	3

Items Carried

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Town’s CDBG Program policies and procedures, a substantial amendment to the Town’s approved Annual Action Plan is required for an increase or decrease in funds in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the original Program Year 2020 entitlement allocation of \$827,693.00;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting, at its January 19, 2021 meeting, approves the substantial amendment to the Town’s Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan to include \$386,590.00 in CDBG-CV funds.

The vote was now on the combined items

In Favor	-	213
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	0

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 3 on the Call was now before the meeting.

Michael Mason, Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 3 which was duly moved and seconded.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,477,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT COS COB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimate and Taxation (“BET”) and the Representative Town Meeting have approved specific appropriations for the replacement of the ventilation and air conditioning system at Cos Cob Elementary School in various capital projects in the Town’s Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. To meet the portion of the approved capital budget appropriations for the replacement of the ventilation and air conditioning system at Cos Cob Elementary School in various capital projects in the Town’s Capital budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (collectively, the “Cos Cob HVAC Project”), \$1,477,000 general obligation bonds of the Town are authorized to be issued in one or more series, maturing in annual installments of principal in compliance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended from time to time (the “Connecticut General Statutes”), *provided* the final installment shall be due not later than the fifth year after their date. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or

a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation or another authorized BET member designated by the Chairman and the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Comptroller, have the seal of the Town affixed and attested by the Town Clerk, be certified by a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by nationally-recognized bond counsel. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon.

Section 2. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, and the manner of issue and sale shall be determined by the Comptroller, *provided* the bonds shall be issued in amounts which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the costs of issuance of such bonds. The annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest payable thereon, shall be determined by the Comptroller, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Comptroller, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Comptroller.

Section 4. The Comptroller is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation or another authorized BET member designated by the Chairman and the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Comptroller, have the seal of the Town affixed and attested by the Town Clerk, be approved as to their legality by nationally-recognized bond counsel, and be certified by and payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Comptroller, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the

Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a capital cost of the Cos Cob HVAC Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, the Treasurer and the Comptroller are hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to apply for any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Cos Cob HVAC Project.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this Resolution in the maximum amount and for the Cos Cob HVAC Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Cos Cob HVAC Project, or such later date as the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of Tax Exempt Obligations.

Section 7. The Comptroller is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this Resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The time for the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations authorized hereunder shall not be limited but shall remain in full force and effect until all payments are made and all borrowings completed for the Cos Cob HVAC Project financed by such bonds or other obligations.

Section 9. The Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation or another authorized BET member designated by the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Comptroller are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others in connection therewith.

The vote was now on Item No. 3.

In Favor	-	209
Against	-	4
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 9 on the Call was now before the meeting.

Bill Lewis, Member of District 1, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded.

9. RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this Meeting that the Greenwich Police should be returned to their traditional role directing traffic on Greenwich Avenue, as their presence has been an essential part of the town's character for many decades.

After discussion was underway, Candace Garthwaite, Member of District 6, made a motion to limit debate for the balance of the discussion on Item No. 9 at this meeting to two (2) minutes for any remaining speakers, and ten (10) minutes for the principal opponent. That motion was duly moved and seconded.

On a vote by Raised Hands, the motion to limit debate carried by a 2/3rds vote in favor

Pursuant to the Second Reading requirement of the RTM Rules, Item No. 9 was continued to the March 2021 meeting.

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 9:45 P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK