

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Town Hall Meeting Room
Monday, February 8, 2010

Committee:

Present: Michael S. Mason, Chairman; William R. Finger, Laurence B. Simon, Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: Jim Campbell, William Kelly, Randall Huffman, Arthur Norton, Joseph Pellegrino, Jeffrey Ramer, Stephen Walko

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

Staff:

Peter Mynarski, Comptroller
John Crary, Town Administrator; Al Cava, Director of Labor Relations
Sidney Freund, Superintendent; Ellen Flanagan, Deputy Superintendent;
Robert Lichtenfeld, Interim Managing Director of Operations; Richard Calcavecchio, Director of Budgets; Kim Eves, Director of Communications;
John Curtin, Research & Evaluation, Board of Education
Chief David Ridberg, Police Department; Chief Peter Siecienski, Fire Department
Joseph Siciliano, Director; Tom Greco, Manager, Parks and Recreation
Amy Siebert, Commissioner, Public Works
Carol Mahoney, Executive Director, Greenwich Library
Allen Brown, Executive Director, Nathaniel Witherell

Other: Steven Anderson, Chairman; Leslie Moriarty, Vice-Chairman, Board of Education, David Ormsby, Chairman, Nathaniel Witherell

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY2010-2011

Mr. Tesei presented the Town's proposed FY 2010-2011 Budget to the Committee. The total budget was \$339,724,388 representing an overall 4.77% increase, which includes Town Services increasing 1.47%, Education increasing 4.39%, Capital increasing 4.77%. and Fixed Charges increasing 10.39%. The capital budget was also presented with all projects approved except for the Musical Instructional Space and Auditorium (MISA) at Greenwich High School for which funding was deferred beyond FY11.

Mr. Anderson and Dr. Freund presented the Board of Education's proposed FY2010-2011 budget to the Committee. The budget totaled \$131,509,621 or a 4.39% increase. The presentation focused on:

- Allocations driven by Strategic Action Plan
- Refinement of Existing Strategies – “no new initiatives”
- Maintaining the Town funding of 10.2:1 Students to Certified Staff ratio.

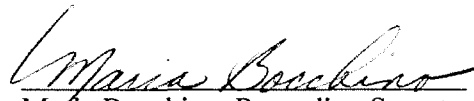
PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Mason gave a brief overview of the upcoming Budget process.

1. Sylvester J. Pecora, Sr., Chairman, Boater User Group –In support of CIP Items #19 Greenwich Point Waterline, #30 Cos Cob Marina pier rebuilding, #33 Cos Cob Bulkhead (retaining wall), #36 Beginning of the maintenance dredge of Cos Cob Marina, and #47 Relocation of overhead wires at Grass Island.
2. Arthur Steinberg – In support of CIP Item #33 Cos Cob Bulkhead (retaining wall), and #36 beginning of the maintenance dredge of Cos Cob Marina. Mr. Steinberg presented photographs of the marina at low tide to the Committee.
3. Richard Mould – Commodore, Mianus River Boat & Yacht Club – In support of CIP Item #33 Cos Cob Bulkhead (retaining wall), and #36 beginning of the maintenance dredge of Cos Cob Marina.
4. Fred Kreuter – In support of #36 beginning of the maintenance dredge of Cos Cob Marina.
5. Sue Rogers, President, PTAC – In support of the BOE Budget, including the MISA project. Asked to look at CIP ranking criteria in the future to make sure that Education is valued.
6. Bob Brady, RTM District 5, MISA Building Committee – In support of MISA and Fire Station projects. Supported longer term financing.
7. Isabelle Geng – A resident who lives on Hearthstone Drive and supports the Hearthstone Drive sidewalk.
8. Caroline Werber – A resident who lives on Hearthstone Drive and supports the Hearthstone Drive sidewalk.
9. Anne Young, Vice-Chairman, Historic District Commission – In support of CIP Item #57 Improvements to Round Hill Road and John Street intersection.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary


Michael S. Mason, Chairman