

**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Meeting Room**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Committee

Present: Marc V. Johnson, Chairman; Mary Lee Kiernan, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: Michael Mason, BET Chairman, John Blankley, William Finger, Sean Goldrick, Randall Huffman, Art Norton, Nancy Weissler

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman;

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; J. Wayne Law, Town Attorney; Irene Parisi, Ass't Superintendent Greenwich Public Schools; Diane Fox, Director of Planning & Zoning, Don Heller, Planning & Zoning Commission Chair; Katie Blankley, Deputy Director Planning & Zoning; Allen Brown, Nathaniel Witherell Executive Director; Raymond Augustine, Director of Financial Operations; David Ormsby, Nathaniel Witherell Board; Lloyd Bankson, Member Nathaniel Witherell Board, Ray Augustine, Director of Financial Operations, Nathaniel Witherell, Andrew Fox, Nathaniel Witherell; Denise Savagneau, Director Conservation Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

REQUESTS FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Executive Session for SE-2 Entered at 6:35 pm, Exited at 7:02 pm.

<u>SE-2</u>	<u>First Selectman</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation:</u>
Amount XXX	to P 935 57350	Settlement – Silonova v. TOG

On a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request for settlement up to \$50,000 and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Non-Routine application.

<u>ED-6</u>	<u>BOE</u>	<u>Approval to Use:</u>
\$90,236	to E 0414 50530	Communication

Ms. Parisi requested the funds awarded by the State of Connecticut to increase the number of mobile lab delivery points for Internet access within the schools. The BOE's installation plan would accomplish the upgrade within the state's deadline of June 30, 2014.

On a Motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Routine application.

<u>PZ-1</u>	<u>Planning & Zoning</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation:</u>
\$20,000	to A 171 51430	Traffic Engineering

Ms. Fox requested additional appropriation to pay consulting fees already incurred and for additional consulting anticipated before the end of the fiscal year.

On a Motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Non-Routine application.

<u>LU-1</u>	<u>Land Use Administration</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation:</u>
\$ 20,000.00	to A 174 52190	Microfilming

Ms. Fox requested the additional appropriation so that state-stipulated microfilming of land records through 2012 could be completed. They are over the original budget of \$30,000. Ms. Fox also reviewed her department's effort to microfilm additional records until new legislation to allow scanned documents is implemented.

On a Motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Non-Routine application.

<u>NW-2</u>	<u>Nathaniel Witherell</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation:</u>
\$ 950,000	to B 450 59560 12201	Project Review

Messers Brown, Augustine and Fox requested additional funds to complete four smaller projects that had been put on hold with the hope that they would be funded out of the project's contingency fund. Due to unforeseen costs for rock removal, HVAC requirements and elevator modifications, there is not enough money left in the contingency fund. Nathaniel Witherell does anticipate receiving a Historic Tax Credit of up to \$4.4 million, that once approved, would be repaid to the Town of Greenwich.

On a Motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, The Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a Non-Routine application

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Gieger gave a report of the status of current economic conditions. He stated that Town spending is trending well and an increase of as much as \$4 million in fund balance might be achieved at the conclusion of the fiscal year if conditions remained stable.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

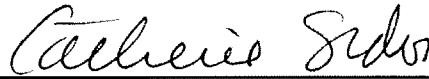
Budget Committee Regular Meeting, January 14, 2014

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2014 Budget Committee Regular Meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Cone Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Marc V. Johnson, Chairman