



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
LAW COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 24, 2022
Law Dept. Conference Room**

Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Stephen Selbst
Law Department: Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney
BET: Leslie Tarkington

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

1. Review of FY2023 Budget Resolutions

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Fassuliotis had circulated the proposed FY2023 budget resolutions. At the meeting, the Law Committee considered whether to approve a resolution to authorize the acceptance of gifts of landscaping material and cash to augment the landscaping at Greenwich High School. Following discussion, the members of the Law Committee that gifts of trees would be covered by Resolution 49, which authorizes gifts of trees by the Greenwich Tree Conservancy. As to gifts of cash and/or landscaping services, the Law Committee determined that any such future gifts should be given to the Parks and Recreation Department 501(c)(3) entity with instructions for their use.

The Law Committee also considered whether to approve a resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept cash gifts in connection with the Glenville Center Neighborhood Improvement project. At the meeting, the Law Committee noted that the proposed resolution was unclear as to the amount of gifts requested to be authorized (and any appropriate limits), and asked for a better definition of the project, one that would be more clearly tied to the Department of Public Works' capital plan. Ms. Ahmad agreed to liaise with the Department of Public Works for additional information regarding the requested resolution, and tabled further consideration of the resolution at this time.

The members of the Law Committee next considered whether to approve grants to the Board of Education under ESSER-3 funding without further BET or RTM approval. In light of the substantial size of the expected ESSER-3 grants, the Law Committee determined that any ESSER-3 grants should be subject to the existing resolution for approval of

ESSER-3 grants from the State of Connecticut or Federal government (BET and RTM approval).

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Mr. Selbst, the members approved by a vote of 2-0-0 the proposed FY2023 budget resolutions as presented with a few minor scrivener changes.

2. FY2023 Law Department Budget

Ms. Fassuliotis said that after speaking with Town Attorney Barbara Schellenberg, the Law Department was requesting an additional \$20,000 for temporary salaries to cover a short-term vacancy caused by the upcoming family leave of a Law Department staff member and some additional costs incurred as a result of overlapping summer vacations. Ms. Fassuliotis explained that due to the family leave and the pre-approved vacations, the additional temporary staff expense was unavoidable. The Law Department will be preparing their request for submission to the BET Budget Committee.

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Mr. Selbst, the members approved by a vote of 2-0-0 the proposed FY2023 budget resolutions. Ms. Fassuliotis will request the change to the BET Budget Committee.

3. Risk Fund

The Law Committee next considered whether to recommend an increase in the Risk Budget to the BET Budget Committee. After a discussion of the status of the existing cases and claims against the Town, the existing calendar of cases, and the slow speed at which cases are being resumed in the Connecticut courts, the Law Committee determined to recommend no increase at this time.

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Mr. Selbst, the members approved by a vote of 2-0-0 to recommend no increase in the Risk Fund for the FY2023 budget.

4. Adjournment.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Selbst, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Selbst, Recording Secretary



Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Law Committee