



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**FY2022-2023 BUDGET - CONSOLIDATION DAY 2
Town Hall Meeting Room**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Present:

Committee: Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Nisha Arora, Laura Erickson, Leslie Moriarty

Staff: LuAnn Bellantoni, Business Manager, Parking Services; Katie DeLuca, Town Planner, Planning & Zoning Department (Dept); Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems Director, Finance Dept; Kraig Gray, Deputy Chief, Police Department; Agnes Cawai, Assistant Budget & Systems Manager, Finance Dept; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller

Board: Dan Ozizmir, BET Chairman; William Drake, Miriam Kreuzer, David Weisbrod

Other: Ken Borsuk, Reporter, *Greenwich Time*; Don Conway, GCTV

Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 9:17 A.M. and introduced members of the BET Budget Committee and the Finance Department.

The meeting is being broadcast live by GCTV Channels 79, 24 and YouTube. Technical support is being provided by Don Conway and Horst Tebbe.

Consolidation Process

Ms. Tarkington welcomed attendees and introduced Consolidation Day 2 as a continuation of the February 28 Consolidation Day 1, workshops for the BET Budget Committee to review the issues, propose initiatives, and highlight possible motions in advance of Decision Day in a public forum.

BET FY2023 Budget Guidelines provided the framework for discussions, and Departments were requested to find efficiencies to deliver the services familiar to and expected by citizens. Ms. Tarkington commented that the Budget Committee, BET, RTM, and the First Selectman are working together to formulate a budget that is conscious of keeping Greenwich the best place to live, work raise a family, start a business or retire.

Ms. Tarkington thanked the First Selectman and Town Department heads for their responsiveness and support throughout the process.

The following list of items were identified as being considered by Committee members for proposed modification.

CAPITAL BUDGET

105 OFS

- 23300 - Relocation BOE - Add \$50,000 to OFS, move to Operating Budget

13 Assessor

- 23304 - Revaluation and Inspection move \$265,000 to Operating Budget

172 Other

- 23305 - Tod's Driftway Coastal Resiliency – more information requested from department as ongoing study not finalized; gap between plan and construction;

Fire Department

206 PPE Replacement

- 23306 - reduce \$120,000 move into Operating Budget
- 23352 **Fire Apparatus & Equipment** – reduce \$2,370,000: Defer Engine for one year – reduce \$850,000; Defer Ladder Truck for \$1.2 million and SUVs

Police Department

213 Police

- 23309 – Mobile Data Terminal Replacement – move \$25,000 to Operating Budget
- 23311 – Body Cameras (film storage) - move \$200,000 to Operating Budget
- 22314 – Vehicle Dashboard Camera – move \$80,000 to Operating Budget
- 22317 – Traffic Signal – Move \$200,000 to Operating Budget

312 Public Works

- 22318 – Portable Emergency Generator – Defer \$45,000 one year
- 23320 – Asphalt Paving Program – reduce \$4,250,000 to \$3,500,000, by \$750,000
- 23323 – Emergency Pre-emption Traffic Signals – more information re sequencing needed
- 23324 – Glenville Center Improvement – need more information on cost breakdown of additional \$500,000 - TOG and 50% PPP; total project \$3.9 million
- 23325 – Greenwich Avenue Intersection Improvement – need Traffic and Parking Plan Studies for full vision
- 23326 - \$500,000 additional Hillside Road Bridge enhancements including bike path - defer
- 23328 – Old Greenwich Streetscape – questioning need
- 23329 – P&R Parking Lot Maintenance Program – Defer \$200,000; move to Operating Budget
- 23330 – Sidewalk Connectivity & ADA – LOTCIP 100% Grant (\$3,100,000) all sidewalk project should be aggregated to ensure no overlapping appropriations
- 23331 – Cos Cob Neighborhood Sidewalk – Defer \$400,000 until Hillside Road Bridge completed

- 23332 – Reimagining Greenwich Avenue – need more information from department – restaurant barriers
- 23334 – Wesskum Wood Road Bridge Replacement – Defer \$2,000,000 until Perrot Library/nearby bridge completed; poor condition
- 23335 – Storm water Maintenance & Improvement – possibly qualifies for ARP grant; candida
- 23339 – Holly Hill Resource Recovery – consider outsourcing to private sector or deferring
- 23337 – BOE Parking Lot Maintenance – Defer GHS location due to heavy construction (remediation)
- 23342 –Environmental Abatement – Execute prior to electrical upgrades, move \$50,000 to Operating Budget
- 23343 – Greenwich Point Facility Septic & electrical improvements – upgrades for Chimes building septic system and electrical. Seek grant from P&R Board to 501c3 Friends or postpone
- 23344 – Demolition of Horseneck Temporary Building – deferral of expense; RG to follow up with OFS on Boys & Girls Club lease
- 23345 – HVAC/Boiler Equipment Upgrades – Move to Operating Budget
- 23346 – Public Safety Complex Garage: Deck Sealing – Remove \$60,000; leads to construction project in FY24; deck is 12 years old
- 22347 – Town Hall Space Utilization – Move \$210,000 to Operating
- 23348 – Town Wide Restroom Rehab – Defer \$600,000
- 23349 – Town Wide Roof Replacement – choose 1 or 2 projects (\$100,000 or \$85,000)
- 23350 – Roger Sherman Baldwin Park – reduce \$100,000 to \$25,000, plan FY24 or FY25 schedule; concerned with capital plate

380 Fleet

Ask Department heads to reduce the number of SUVs requested; defer Fire Department SUVs at \$27,000

440 External Entities

- 22360 – Bruce Museum Bathroom Refurbish – defer \$30,000; move to Operating Budget; pursue new Management Agreement discussion
- 23361 – Bruce Museum Exterior Painting – defer \$51,000; move to Operating Budget; awaiting either new estimate or as In-kind project
- 23362 – Bruce Museum Lightning Protection System - Discuss further
- 23363 – Bruce Museum Roof Replacement on Old Mansion - \$150,000; discuss further
- 23364 – Historical Society – Bush Holley House – HVAC equipment \$233,000; concern about expanding budget support for new entity

680 Board of Education (BOE)

- 23365 – School Kitchen Equipment Replacement - More information requested
- 23366 - GHS Cellular Improvement Project – Possibly move \$1,100,000 to ESSER III Grant

- 23367 – Network Infrastructure – Move \$278,000 to ESSER III III Grant or Operating Budget
- 23368 – Security Upgrades – move \$340,000 to Operating Budget
- 23369 – Abatement – Open Capital 2020 \$657,000, Open Capital 2021, Open Capital 2022, Capital Request 2022 for \$74,000 – More Information Requested
- 23370 – ADA Compliance – Unbundle \$3,262,000 to \$2,270,000 in order to remove Western Middle School
- 23373 – Emergency Lighting – \$283,000 duplicated in construction appropriation. Close-out Open Capital \$227,000. Roland Gieger (RG) to follow-up.
- 23372 – Central Middle School Expansion/Renovation Reduce \$250,000. Substituted by FY2022 Interim divided into \$150,000 for Education Specifications and \$100,000 Environmental analysis.
- 23375 – Exterior Masonry \$3,864,000 to be consolidated in BOE Budget Book. Follow-up by RG.
- 23376 – Finishes – Painting and Flooring – move \$105,000 to Operating Budget
- 23377 – Finishes after HVAC installation – move \$36,000 to Operating Budget
- 23378 – Generator Replacement/Upgrades – Close-out Open Capital FY2019, FY2020. Unbundle projects to evaluate need for \$129,000 requested.
- 23379 – HVAC – Breakout GHS from total \$6,623,000; concerned about large projects including CMS \$20 million, OG \$25 million, possible remainder \$16 million. RG to follow-up with BOE.
- 23380 – Julian Curtiss Expansion/Renovation – unbundle \$1.5 million from FY2024 for A&E. Sequence timetable, cost and planning formula for balance of school; condition part
- 23382 – Old Greenwich Expansion/Renovation – use \$1.5million for feasibility study for FY2024 construction
- 23385 – Plumbing & Electrical – separate expenses for CMS and JC from bundled budget of \$2,644 million
- 23388 – Stage Renovation – Move \$149,000 to Operating Budget
- 23389 – Windows & Doors – Reduce \$100,000 from \$589,000 to \$489,000 and reserve \$289,000
- 23397 – Exterior Masonry – budget \$200,000. Is this a duplication from aggregated Masonry Budget?
- 23399 – Carpet Replacement – reduce \$100,000 to \$80,000 per Perrot Library

Parks and Recreation

- 23401 – Cooling Towers at Skating Rink – question of whether \$150,000 replacement is necessary for one season's use
- 23405 – Field Master Plan Design and Implementation – break out each field cost and activity. Follow-up to discover if qualified for ARP program.
- 23404 – Binney Park Pond Maintenance – Discuss reducing \$75,000 by \$40,000 for canopy to protect equipment
- 23408 – Tree Risk Program – Reduce \$250,000 by \$100,000 to \$150,000 for each of 5-years
- 23412 – Ferry Dock Inspection & Maintenance – move \$290,000 to Operating Budget
- 23414 – Sand Replacement – move \$25,000 to Operating Budget

219 Parking Services

- 22390 - Reduce Negative Fund Balance
Reduce number of vehicles. Solar Carport - for solar panels and canopies—location questioned; Condition Release of \$62,500
Explore alternatives for Solar Carport for Parking Services through RFP: lease maintenance; own & operate; total lease canopy;

450 Nathaniel Witherell

- 21306 – Chapel Windows - Appropriate and do work with condition for donated funds
- 21298 – General Capital
- 20208 – Nursing & Rehab Capital
- 23425 - Replace Elevators

361 Sewer Division

- 20219 – Pump Station
- 29220 – Sewer Rehab
- XXXX - Cos Cob Upgrade; move from ARPA, need year of project start, FY24?
- 22397 – Maintenance

842 Griffin E. Harris Golf Course

- 20226 - Carpet & Flooring Restaurant
- 22398 - Landscaping & Turf Equipment
- 22399 – Rest/Clubhouse Renovation Plan
- 22400 – Cart Path Renovation

The Committee's issue for further discussion:

- Policy for cell tower at TNW (at a future date), the Griffith Harris Golf cell tower and Parking Service Solar Projects

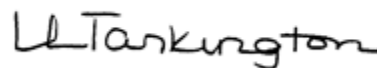
All the comments and proposals were for discussion purposes only. There were no motions made and no votes taken on any item discussed at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair, Budget Cmte