

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

Thursday, March 5, 2020
Regular Meeting
Law Department Conference Room

Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair; Elizabeth K. Krumeich

Law: Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney; Vincent Marino, Town Attorney; Abby Wadler, Assistant Town Attorney

BET: Laura, Erickson; Leslie Tarkington

Finance: Roland Gieger, Budget Director

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

1. Motion to Change Order of Agenda

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted unanimously to change order of the Agenda to consider the FY20-21 Budget Resolutions first. Motion carried.

2. Resolutions

The Committee continued their review of the FY20-21 Budget Resolutions. The Budget Director recommended the deletion of certain Budget Resolutions explaining that they were now obsolete.

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted unanimously to delete the following Resolutions from the FY20-21 Budget Resolutions:

Resolution 7. The First Selectman is authorized to accept proceeds from the Friends of Greenwich Community Television, Inc., and such proceeds shall become appropriations to account A440-57222.

Resolution 38. The Comptroller is authorized to accept proceeds from the sale of vehicles and equipment and such proceeds shall become appropriations that the Comptroller shall add to the appropriate account for the purpose of acquiring replacement vehicles and equipment.

Resolution 53. The Department of Parks and Recreation is authorized to accept donations from the Junior League of Greenwich for the Skate Park, and such donations shall become appropriations that the Comptroller shall add to the appropriate accounts for the purpose of reimbursing the approved costs related to the maintenance of said Skate Park facilities.

Resolution 54. The Department of Parks and Recreation is authorized to accept donations from or through the Junior League of Greenwich or a 501(c)(3) entity designated by the Junior League of Greenwich for the Byram Park and Swimming Pools improvement project, and such donations shall be added by the Comptroller to the appropriate accounts.

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted unanimously to add the following language to the following Resolutions (changes are underlined) in the FY20-21 Budget Resolutions:

10. The Board of Selectmen, through the Harbor Management Commission, is authorized pursuant to Town Charter § 307 and the Harbor Management Commission ordinance, to collect proceeds from the issuance of moorings permits within the Greenwich Harbor Area, and such proceeds shall become appropriations upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and the Representative Town Meeting, if necessary under Article 2, Section 30(c) of the Charter, to be used for the maintenance and enhancement of the Town's coastal resources.

23. The Shellfish Commission is authorized to collect proceeds from licenses and fees for the taking of shellfish under its control, and such proceeds shall become appropriations upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Taxation, and the Representative Town Meeting, if necessary under Article 2, Section 30(c) of the Charter, to be used by the Commission for the protection and propagation of shellfish under its control, pursuant to C.G.S. §26-257a(b).

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee also unanimously approved the addition of the words "Article 2" before Section 30 in Resolution 2 of the FY20-21 Budget Resolutions.

Mr. Gieger also informed the Committee that no bonds would be required for the Sewer Improvement Fund and, therefore, no bond resolution for the Sewer Improvement Fund would be necessary in the FY 20-21 Budget Resolutions.

Upon motion made by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee unanimously approved the deletion of the bonding resolution for the Sewer Improvement Fund from the FY20-21 Budget Resolutions.

The Committee asked Mr. Gieger to consult with bond counsel to determine whether the words "or authorized designee" could be added after "the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation." This change would allow an authorized designee of the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation to sign the general obligation bonds in the event the Chairman was unavailable to sign.

3. Executive Session

The Committee entered into an Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 3:21 PM to discuss pending cases in litigation. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 3:42 PM. Motion carried.

The Committee exited the Executive Session.

6. Old Business

- **Special Education Mediation Procedure**

Attorney Wadler summarized the requirements for special education and the procedure followed by the Greenwich Public School District. Attorney Wadler then asked that the Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

The Committee entered into an Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:03 PM to discuss pending cases in litigation. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted 2-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 4:48 PM. Motion carried.

The Committee exited the Executive Session.

8. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted 2-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 PM. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Law Committee shall take place on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, in the Law Department Conference Room at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen, Fassuliotis, BET Law Committee Chair