



**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
FY2023 - 2024 BUDGET DECISION DAY 1 MINUTES**

**Town Hall Meeting Room – 10:00 A.M.  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

Present:

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

Staff: Adam Ross, Assistant Budget and Systems Manager, Finance Department; Roland Gieger, Director, Budget and Systems, Finance Department; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller, Finance Department

BET: Dan Ozizmir, Chair; William Drake, Karen Fassuliotis, Harry Fisher, Miriam Kreuzer, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Stephen Selbst, David Weisbrod

Public: Ken Borsuk, *Greenwich Time*, Lucia Jansen, RTM, District 7

Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 10:12 A.M. and welcomed the audience to BET Budget Committee's Decision Day 1. The BET Budget Committee began the FY24 Budget review on January 24<sup>th</sup> with a Public Hearing, followed by eight days of Meetings with Departments Heads, and two Consolidation Days.

The Chair explained that the Budget Guidelines approved by the BET help frame the objectives. In the Estimate Budget, Total Department Operating Costs, before benefits, were projected for the Town to increase by 2.00% and for Schools by 2.90%. Capital projects were projected at \$100 million of prioritized projects. The delivered capital budget is \$126.7 million, exceeding the BET's approval Estimate capital projects by 27%. Many of the 83 projects require additional substantial funding in future years. Prioritization of projects was not provided.

First Selectman, Fred Camillo, BOE Chairman Joe Kelly, Superintendent of Schools Dr, Toni Jones and Appointing Authorities and Department heads have been responsive and supportive throughout the Budget process. We appreciate their support as well as that of many others who support them.

The BET Budget Committee spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Consolidation Days methodically reviewing the FY24 Budget by Department revenues and expenses and by capital projects bringing up issues and indicating possible items to vote.

Ms. Tarkington also reported that the BET Budget Committee Decision Day 1 for FY 2023-2024 is being live broadcast by GCTV on channels 79, 24, and YouTube. A schedule of the Budget Committee's Departmental Review Hearings is available on the Town website at two locations along with the BET Meeting Calendars, Budget Documents and Schedules pages.

Ms. Tarkington thanked the Budget Committee members Leslie, Nisha, and Laura, and Pete Mynarski, Comptroller, Roland Gieger, Budget and Systems Director, Adam Ross, Assistant Budget Director, and Shira Davis, Executive Assistant. She also thanked BET colleagues who participated. She commented that today the Budget Committee brings much of that work to conclusion as it moves to approve a Recommended FY24 Budget.

Following is a detailed listing of all of the BET Budget Committee Decision Day 1 votes:

**DECISION DAY ONE Votes**

MOTION: Approve the First Selectman's Proposed FY23 Operating & Capital Budget						LE/NA	
The following Amendments were made:							
<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>Description of Motion</b>	<b>As Proposed</b>	<b>Rev Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Motioner</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Finance	130-46110	Interest earned on Investmt	3,000,000	5,000,000		LM/NA	
		Amend to \$6,000,000		6,000,000	3,000,000	LT/NA	4-0
		Motion as amended					4-0
Fire	204-44612	Inspections	500,000	500,000	-		
Schools	620-43401	Excess Cost	1,300,000	1,800,000	500,000	LM/NA	4-0
Instructn	620-43451	ECS -Revenue	577,000	660,000	83,000	LM/NA	4-0
	620-44710	Tuition - Out of district	500,000	515,000	15,000	LM/NA	4-0
Schools	620-44712	Tuition Pre-School	500,000	515,000	15,000	LM/NA	4-0
State	997-43457	Pilot - Revenue	930,000	946,000	16,000	LM/NA	4-0
Misc	998-49055	Closeout of Encumbr	1,700,000	2,000,000	300,000	LM/NA	4-0
		<b>TOTAL REVENUE CHANGE</b>			<b>3,929,000</b>		


<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>							
<b>General Government</b>		<b>Description of Motion</b>		<b>Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>	
Various	xx-51010	M&C increases and Elected Officials increase	Increase from 2.3% to 2.5% (\$14,000 across 25 depts)	no change to budget			
P&Z	171-51490	Consulting	Funds for regulation review	30,000	LE/LM	3-1	NO:LT
<b>Fire</b>							
Volunteer	208-57218	Round Hill contn	Restore to FY23B of \$97,694	30,112	LM/NA		
		Amend to add 2.3%	Add an additional 2.3%	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
		Vote on original motion				4-0	
Volunteer	208-57219	Banksville contn	Restore to FY23B of \$154,570	-	LE/LT	2-2	NO:NA,LM
<b>Police</b>							
Patrol	217-51100	Overtime	Change 3 to 5 school security	279,000	LM/NA	4-0	
Genl Svc	213-TOO	Adjust for staffing change	Chg 1FT to .69, Inc .49PT to .74		LE/LM	4-0	
<b>External Entities</b>							
TAG	440-57221	Contribution to TAG	Possible condition on semi-annual report				
GEMS	440-57225	Contribution to GEMS	Possible condition on semi-annual report				
<b>Schools</b>							
Admin	620-51010	Salaries and	Adjust 2 PT to 1 FT	64,919	LM/NA	4-0	
Admin	620-51300	Temporary emp		(92,742)			
Admin	620-TOO	Adjust for staffing change	Adjust as necessary		LM/NA	4-0	
<b>Fixed Charges</b>							
Benefits	901-57010	Pension	Increase to 29,707,000	157,000	LE/LM	4-0	
Benefits	901-57020	Defined Contribution	Increase to \$2,535,000	200,000	LE/NA	4-0	
Benefits	901-57950	401K	Decrease to \$1,975,000	(100,000)	LE/LM	4-0	
Benefits	901-various	BOE employee	Benefit cost for staffing change	30,000	LE/LM	4-0	
Unemp/W	902-57330	Unemployment	Decrease to \$1,975,000	(100,000)	LM/NA	4-0	
Insurance	908-56010	Property (for all insurance)	Higher insurance premiums	281,000	LE/LM	4-0	
Insurance	908-56200	Art collection	Increase premium to \$61,000	32,000	LE/NA	4-0	
Sewer Tax	911-57500	Payment in lieu	Decrease to \$620,000	(30,000)	LE/NA	4-0	
Debt	950-57820	Bond premium	Larger premium of \$4,721,127	(240,127)	LM/NA	4-0	
Transfers	999-57122	Contn to Risk Fund	Replenish fund by \$1,500,000	-	LE/LM	2-2	No:NA,LT
	999-57131	Prior Yr Losses	Increase by \$750,000	750,000	LM/LE	4-0	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING INCREASE =</b>				<b>1,291,162</b>			
<b>(excluding capital projects moved to operating: DPW=\$61k, Schools=\$207k, P&amp;R of \$80,000)</b>				<b>348,000</b>			
				<b>1,639,162</b>			

FUNDS - OPERATING EXPENSES			Description of Motion	Inc/(Dec)	Motion	Vote
Sewer Mtc	361-Fund	Grand List update	24,147,883,900		LE/NA	4-0
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Parking	219-Fund		Possible condition on semi-annual report			
OPEB	132-52950	Rental of Financial Subscr	Reduce Bloomberg terminal	(13,000)	LE/LM	4-0
<b>SALARY SCHEDULES</b>						
Police+BOE		Reduce 1.0 FT Police; increase 1.0 BOE			LE/LM	4-0
Police+BOE		Increase PT by 1.0 for Police; reduce PT by 1.4 for BOE			LE/LM	4-0
<b>CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>						
	Project Name	Description of Motion	Change (\$000)	Motioner	Vote	
Fire	Training Center Rehab	Reduce by \$83,500 to \$16,500	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Police	Audio/Visual Equipment	Defer project - \$20,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Police	Mobile Command Post	Defer project - \$45,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	Variable Message Boards	Defer project - \$50,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	ADA Sidewalk Accessibility Program	Reduce by \$200,000 to \$250,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	Annual Paving Program	Reduce by \$250,000 to \$3.5m	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	Highway Maintenance Program	Reduce by \$250,000 to \$1.75m	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	Fairfield Road Culvert Replacements	Possible condition on communication plan				
DPW	North Street Bridge	Possible condition on flood report and public discussion				
DPW	Retaining Wall Maintenance Prog	Defer project - \$500,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	BOE Parking Lot Maintenance	Reduce by \$300,000 to pave Glenville lot in lieu of GHS		LT/NA	withdrawn	
DPW	Holly Hill Resource Recovery Facility	Defer project - \$450,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	Cohen EGCC Replacement	Possible condition-\$1,200,000 on donations; fundraising plan				
DPW	Electrical Systems Replacement/Upgrade	Move to operating	(35)	LM/NA	4-0	
DPW	Hamill Rink Facility Improvements	Defer project - \$950,000	(950)	LM/NA	2-1-1	NO:LE,Ab:NA
DPW	HVAC/Boiler Equipment/Upgrades	Move to operating	(26)	LM/NA	4-0	
DPW	Leased Buildings	Defer project - \$250,000	(250)	LE/LM	4-0	
DPW	Replace Police Headquarters BMS	Defer project - \$500,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
DPW	Town Hall Exterior Paint	Increase by \$25,000 to \$350,000	25	LM/NA	4-0	
DPW	Roger Sherman Baldwin Park	Defer project - \$400,000	(400)	NA/LE	4-0	
Fleet	206 - Fire Pumper	Defer pumper - \$1,000,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Fleet	822 P&R Trees Pickup 2	Defer 1 pickup - \$81,000	(81)	LT/NA	3-1	NO:LM
Ext Entities	Bruce Mus Exterior Retaining Wall Repla	Possible condition on review and info				
Schools	Cardinal Field Improvement	Reduce by \$55,000 to \$70,000	(55)	LM/LE	4-0	
		Reduce by \$70,000 to \$0	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Schools	Central Middle School Replacement	Reduce by \$7,744,000 to \$67.5M		NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Schools	Equipment	Move to operating	(30)	LE/NA	4-0	
Schools	Fences	Move to operating	(30)	LE/NA	4-0	
Schools	Finishes - Painting	Move to operating	(147)	LE/NA	4-0	
Schools	Hamilton Avenue - HVAC Replacement	Defer project - \$4,325,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
		Possible condition on inspection report				

Schools	Hamilton Avenue - Parking Garage & Deck	Reduce by \$50,000 to \$50,000	(50)	LE/LM	4-0	
Schools	Julian Curtiss Renovation	Reduce by \$50,000 to \$800,000	(50)	LE/NA	4-0	
Schools	Plumbing & Electrical	Reduce by \$500,000 to \$621,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Schools	Stage Renovation	Reduce by \$50,000 to \$50,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Schools	OGS renovation (accelerate from FY25B)	Add construction/A&E - \$35.9M	-	LM/LE	2-2	NO:NA,LT
		Add remaining A&E - \$1.1M	-	LE/LM	2-2	NO:NA,LT
		Add \$2.5M - ADA and drainage	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
Schools	Riverside renovation (new project)	Add \$150,000 for Feasibility Study	-	LM/LE	2-2	NO:NA,LT
Schools	GHS cell service project (new project)	Add \$631,000 for GHS Cell service	-	LM/LE	1-3	NO:LE,NA,LT
	Havemeyer maintenance (in outyears)	Discussion- include maintenance			no motion	
Libraries	Cos Cob Renovations	Defer project - \$407,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
		Possible condition on P&Z approval & funding source				
Libraries	Elevator Upgrades	Defer project - \$400,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
P&R	Park and Court Lighting Upgrades	Add \$50,000 to \$100,000 plus condition on fundraising of \$50,000	50	LE/LM	4-0	
P&R	Park Equipment	Reduce by \$50,000 to \$65,000		NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
		Reduce by \$15,000 to \$100,000	(15)	LE/LT	4-0	
P&R	EGCC Pickleball Court	Reduce by \$100,000 to \$225,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
P&R	Tree Risk Program	Reduce by \$55,000 to \$100,000	-	LT/NA	2-2	NO: LE,LM
P&R	Byram Pool Upgrades & Improvements	Reduce by \$25,000 to \$25,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
P&R	Ferry Dock Upgrades & Improvements	Defer project - \$225,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
P&R	Sand Replenishment	Move to operating	(55)	LE/LM	4-0	
P&R	Seawall Repairs	Move to operating	(25)	LE/LM	4-0	
	Bond /BAN Acquisition & Interest	Amount to be recalculated based on changes				
	<b>Total Changes to General Fund Capital</b>	<b>Reductions =</b>	<b>(1,776)</b>			
		<b>Move to Operating =</b>	<b>(348)</b>			
		<b>TOTAL CHANGES =</b>	<b>(2,124)</b>			
<b>FUNDS - CAPITAL REQUESTS</b>						
Golf	Rest/Clubhouse Renov. Plans	Reduce by \$25,000 to \$50,000	(25)	NA/LT	4-0	
Golf	Cart Path Renovations	Reduce by \$45,000 to \$30,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
TNW	Galvanized Pipe Replacement (Plumbing)	Defer project - \$81,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
TNW	Kitchen Code Compliance	Add \$120,000 to \$420,000	120	LE/LM	4-0	
TNW	Roof Replace	Defer project per TNW - \$120,000	(120)	LE/NA	4-0	
TNW	Rose Garden Wall Repair	Add \$65,000 to \$230,000 and condition for \$115k donation	65	LE/LM	4-0	
Parking	Single and Double Space Meter Heads	Delete project - \$305,000	-	NA/LT	2-2	NO: LE,LM
<b>MOTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO OPERATING EXPENSE</b>						
DPW	Electrical Systems Replacement/Upgrades	Add to operating	35	LM/NA	4-0	
DPW	HVAC/Boiler Equipment/Upgrades	Add to operating	26	LM/NA	4-0	
SCHOOLS	Equipment	Add to operating	30	LM/NA	4-0	
SCHOOLS	Fences	Add to operating	30	LM/NA	4-0	
SCHOOLS	Finishes - Painting	Add to operating	147	LM/NA	4-0	
P&R	Sand Replenishment	Add to operating	55	LM/NA	4-0	
P&R	Seawall Repairs	Add to operating	25	LM/NA	4-0	

On a motion by Ms. Erickson, seconded by Ms. Arora, the BET Budget Committee Decision Day 1 meeting adjourned at 5:14 P.M. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary



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Leslie L. Tarkington BET Budget Committee Chair

Decision Day 2 will meet in the Town Hall Meeting Room on March 8, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.