

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderator's Hall of Central Middle School on Monday, March 8, 1999 at 8:00 P.M.(E.S.T.)

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Thomas J. Byrne.

Attendance cards were presented showing 181 present, 48 absent and 1 vacancy.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the call for the meeting, the reading of the call would be omitted.

Joseph J. Robinson of District 12 led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Town Clerk Carmella C. Budkins swore in three new members- Laura B. Erickson in District 5, Thomas Mathai in District 11 and Hope Polidoro in District 12.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the January 19,1999 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He noted a correction on page 1 of the minutes regarding the term expiration of Mary Colombo. The expiration of Mrs. Colombo's term on the Planning & Zoning Commission should be 3/31/99.

The Moderator asked if there were any other corrections or comments, there being none, the minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

First Selectman Tom Ragland introduced Dan Warzoha, the newly appointed Fire Chief, who addressed the body regarding his goals for the department.

The Moderator suggested a motion to suspend the rules and combine items 1,2,3,4 & 6 for voting purposes and consider separately item no. 5. The motion was duly moved and seconded.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that the combined items were now before the meeting.

Susan Steck of the Social Services Department offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 1.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept several gifts to the Department of Social Services in the amount of \$1,907.79 for the Greenwich Youth Conservation Project."

Marcus Madrid, Commissioner of Public Works, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 2.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$86,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Public Works Account Number 312-913-9903 known as "Highway Division -Vac All."

Charles Graves, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolutions, which were duly moved and seconded, regarding Items No. 3 and 4.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a regular member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/01.

ALLAN SHOPE

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an alternate member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/02:

SUSAN RICHARDSON

Police Chief Peter Robbins offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 6.

RESOLVED, that the following amounts be and the same are hereby appropriated from the Parking Fund to respective Account Codes for a total amount of \$30,480 to allow for the purchase and installation of a Multi-Space Parking Control System:

219-192-G	Less Work Done for Other Departments:	\$ 5,300
219-355-G	Mechanical Supplies and Small Tools:	\$ 4,000
219-392-G	Less Equipment/Supplies for Other Depts.:	\$ 2,200

219-930-G

Miscellaneous Equipment - NOC:

\$ 18,980

Jeffrey Doty of District 4 made a motion, which was seconded, to divide Item No. 6 from the combined items and to consider it separately.

Upon a standing vote of 79 in favor and 91 against the motion lost.

The vote was now on the combined items.

In Favor 164

Against 12

Abstentions 2

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 5 on the call was now before the meeting.

Joan Caldwell of District 10 offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 5.

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich last spring adopted a Plan of Conservation and Development to guide its growth for the next decade, and

WHEREAS this Plan reflects the thinking and wishes of the residents of Greenwich for their town, and

WHEREAS the Plan has been developed mindful of economic and environmental constraints

balanced against property owners' needs and rights, and

WHEREAS the Plan recognizes the limitations of the Town's infrastructure and this infrastructure is being further taxed by proposed development outside the Town along its borders, and

WHEREAS such development is inconsistent with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, and threatens the orderly growth of Greenwich,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense-of-this-meeting that a Subcommittee of the RTM Land Use committee be formed to review the changes proposed by New York State Department of Transportation to the Hutchinson River - Merritt Parkway Interchange at King Street and the widening of the King Street overpass of the Parkways, and

RESOLVED that the Subcommittee focus study on present traffic levels and flow patterns, on sources of potential traffic increase and on accident data, and

RESOLVED that the Subcommittee assess the economic, environmental, aesthetic and functional impact that widening the King Street bridge will have on King Street as a whole and on the residential neighborhoods bordering it, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Subcommittee work with the Town Planner, the Town's Chief Engineer and Traffic Engineer and with representatives of the neighborhood associations to prepare a Finding of Fact with regard to the New York DOT proposals, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Use Committee present to the April RTM the Findings of its Subcommittee with such recommendations for action by this body as the full Land Use committee may deem appropriate and desirable to guide state and local officials.

H. Franklin Bloomer, Jr., chairman of the Land Use Committee, offered an amendment, on behalf of the committee, to Item No. 5.

In the last line of the fourth Whereas paragraph delete the word "and" and delete the rest of the resolution, so now the amended resolution should read as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich last spring adopted a Plan of Conservation and Development to guide its growth for the next decade, and

WHEREAS this Plan reflects the thinking and wishes of the residents of Greenwich for their town, and

WHEREAS the Plan has been developed mindful of economic and environmental constraints balanced against property owners' needs and rights, and

WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes the limitations of the Town's infrastructure and this infrastructure is being further taxed by proposed development outside the Town along its borders,

WHEREAS, the proposal by the New York State Department of Transportation (NY/DOT) for reconstruction of the Merritt Parkway/King Street interchange (the

Proposed Project) appears to have been designed to accommodate traffic levels on King Street in the vicinity of the Merritt Parkway that are in excess of the traffic levels appropriate for the residential portions of King Street and adjoining neighborhoods within Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would encourage development on the New York side of King Street that is incompatible with development permitted on the Connecticut side of King Street by the Town's Building Zone Regulations and contemplated by the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project would require the taking of substantially more property in Greenwich than in New York, which is inappropriate because it will primarily benefit New York, and

WHEREAS, particularly by its retention of a stop sign on "Ramp P" (the ramp from the northbound traffic lanes on King Street to the Southbound side of the Parkway), the Proposed Project appears primarily to be intended to increase capacity, which is inconsistent with the kind of improvements being made to interchanges on the Merritt Parkway, which have been primarily safety oriented;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this meeting that

1. the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Conn/DOT) should take no further action in connection with the Proposed Project as presently proposed, including signing any compact or agreement with NY/DOT, and
2. Conn/DOT should discontinue action to acquire property in Connecticut in connection with the Proposed Project, and
3. the Board of Selectmen and Conn/DOT, with the participation of the Land Use Committee of the Representative Town Meeting, should take such action as will result in a limitation of the Proposed project so that it better reflects the needs and wishes of the Town.

The vote was now on the Land Use amendment.

In Favor - 175

Against - 2

Abstentions- 0

Amendment Carried

The vote was now on Item No. 5 as amended.

In Favor - 175

Against - 1

Abstentions -0

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 9:10 P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK