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 9, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag, led by Charlotte Marek from North Street School, Girl Scout Troop 50303 with the Girl Scout color guard.

The Town Clerk, Carmella C. Budkins swore in the following members in District 1 – Alanna M. Hynes; District 2 – Duncan G. Burke, Eileen J. Toretta; District 3 – Louise T. Bavis, Martin C. Blanco; District 4 – Elizabeth J. “Liz” Eckert; District 5 – Allison W. Rogers; District 6 – Barbara E. O’Neill, David P. Snyder; District 7 – Ellen M. Brennan-Galvin, Mary G. “Nanette” Burrows, Hilary A. Gunn; District 8 – Peter E. Berg, Jonathan M. Perloe; District 9 – Jane W. Weisbecker; District 10 – Gerald L. Anderson, Sheryl B. Sorbaro; District 12 – Mary A. Keller.

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.


The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments. There being none, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Cheryl Moss, Chairman of District 8 offered the following resolution in tribute to Caroline Frano.

Caroline Frano was born in Greenwich on May 24, 1938 to Angelo and Anna Pucci, and was 81 years old when she passed on Feb 9, 2020.
Carol, as she was known outside her family, attended Greenwich schools graduating from Greenwich High School in 1956. Carol and her husband, George, raised their family here in town and she was very involved in the community: PTA President at North Mianus, a Pre-school Teacher, and she was always volunteering at Eastern, GHS, girl scouts and her children’s sports teams.

Carol served on the RTM from 1988 to 2005. She served as the delegate on the Rules committee, alternate on Finance and then delegate to Finance. She was District 8 chair from 1994 to 2001.

Although I did not know Carol myself, Mike Mason tells me she became District 8 Chair on his very first term on the RTM. Her encouragement and personal time investment with all the new district members was truly amazing. Her dedication and pushing the 26 members of District 8 to “Do your Homework” and “Respect those who have different opinions” made the district meetings, long but rewarding and enjoyable. Many RTM members from the years Carol was Chair went on to other boards and town positions which she inspired.

After Carol’s retirement from the RTM you had to be ready when you ran into her to give an update on “what’s going on” and you had better have done your homework.

Caroline is fondly remembered as a great neighbor, public servant, excellent baker and friend that will truly be missed.

She is survived by her husband George Frano, her loving children and her cherished grandson.

We are thankful for Caroline’s many contributions of time and dedication to our community.

Mr. Moderator, we ask that this tribute to Caroline Frano be included in the minutes and that an official copy be sent to her family.

The resolution was passed by unanimous consent with the members standing for a moment of silence in memory of Caroline Frano.

Pursuant to the RTM rules, the Moderator designated that the following items be placed on the consent calendar – 3-26.

The items on the consent calendar are as follows:

3. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed RTM Representative to the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   JOSEPH BENOIT
4. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R4) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   JOSHUA BROWN

5. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed Regular Member (R2) of the Labor Contracts Committee for the term expiring December 31, 2021.

   MICHAEL BASHAM

6. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R3) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   NANCY COOPER

7. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R5) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   W. BROOKS HARRIS

8. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R1) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   LUCIA JANSEN

9. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed Regular Member (R6) of the Labor Contracts Committee for the term expiring December 31, 2021.

   DANYAL (DAN) OZIZMIR
10. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R7) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

MICHAEL SPILO

11. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed an Alternate Member (A2) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

MARETA HAMRE

12. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed an Alternate Member (A1) of the Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

PATRICIA H. ROBERTS

13. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R3) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

JANE WEISBECKER

14. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R4) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

FRANCIS “KIP” BURGWEGER

15. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R5) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

GLEN CANNER

16. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R6) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

EDWARD D. DADAKIS
17. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R7) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   KATHERINE HYNES

18. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R9) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   RICHARD MARGENOT

19. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R2) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   PATRICIA H. ROBERTS

20. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R8) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   JANE SUSAN SULICH

21. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Regular Member (R1) of the Claims Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

   GREGORY ZORTHIAN

22. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed an Alternate Member (A2) of the Claims Committee for the term expiring December 31, 2021.

   ALLISON WALSH

23. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed an Alternate Member (A1) of the Claims Committee for the term expiring December 31, 2021.

   HECTOR ARZENO
24. RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks and Recreation, Griffith E. Harris Golf Course requests approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of $14,550.00 to be added to account M824 59830, Master Plan.

25. RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks and Recreation, Griffith E. Harris Golf Course requests approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of $52,000.00 to be added to account M824 59830, Master Plan.

26. RESOLVED that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift in an amount equal to the actual cost, not to exceed $200,000.00 from the Greenwich Point Conservancy and the Emily Catherine Fedorko Foundation to restore the historic chimes instrument in the tower of the Chimes Building located at Greenwich Point.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Greenwich wishes to thank the Greenwich Point Conservancy and the Emily Catherine Fedorko Foundation for the restoration of the chimes instrument and their continued support of the Chimes Building restoration.

The vote was now on the consent calendar.

| In Favor | - | 165 |
| Against | - | 5 |
| Abstentions | - | 9 |

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 1 on the Call that was postponed from January 2020 pursuant Representative Town Meeting Rules section III.I.6 “Second Reading” was now before the meeting.

1. RESOLVED, the proposed ordinance to create an Energy Commission, dated December 1, 2019, be adopted

Proposed Ordinance Text

Town of Greenwich Energy Management Commission

Established; composition.

(a) There shall be an Energy Management Commission composed of seven (7) electors of the town to serve as an executive commission to the Board of Selectmen on matters relating to energy. Said seven (7) members shall be persons who have expressed a concern and interest for and/or demonstrated expertise in energy and energy
conservation. The Board of Selectmen shall make recommendations to the Representative Town Meeting for their appointment.

(b) In addition to the seven (7) regular members of the commission, the first selectman, or designated representative, a Representative Town Meeting member, the Board of Education chair, or designated board member, the Board of Estimate and Taxation chair, or designated board member, the town administrator, or a designated representative, and a representative of Nathaniel Witherell, shall be ex officio members of the commission. Ex officio members shall have voting privileges.

Terms of members; filling of vacancies; removal.

(a) Electoral members shall serve terms of three (3) years each, commencing on April 1, provided, however, the initial term of each member shall be as follows: three (3) members for four (4) years; two (2) members for three (3) years, and two (2) members for two (2) years.

(b) In the event of any vacancy, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint, by majority vote, a successor to fill the unexpired portion of the vacant term.

Officers.

A chairman, vice chairman, and secretary shall be elected annually by the members of the commission.

Duties.

(a) The commission shall hold regular meetings. A schedule shall be filed annually with the town clerk no later than December 31.

(b) The commission shall interact as necessary with other town departments, boards, and commissions having an impact on energy-related issues and shall seek to coordinate the activities of and cooperate with responsible organizations concerned with promoting energy conservation.

(c) The commission shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen on matters relating to energy consumption and conservation and as such shall:

(1) Set an energy reduction goal for municipal buildings and the community of 20% for the near term and 40% for the longer term. And determine dates for milestones and devise a strategy to reach measurable outcomes.

(2) Research and evaluate current energy requirements, costs and consumption of municipal buildings and services via energy audits for town buildings and other means as determined to be appropriate.

(3) Research and evaluate appropriate energy conservation technology, renewable energy options, and their adaptability to municipal use.
(4) Facilitate an evaluation and propose changes of existing procurement processes and budgeting criteria to accommodate systems and maintenance uniformity, performance basis, and maximize energy conservation, and submit report to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Estimate and Taxation.

(5) Develop target standards of energy efficiency against which existing buildings will be measured and establish target standards for new or rehabilitated buildings. Recognizing these standards cannot be reasonably applied uniformly across all buildings and projects, the commission shall evaluate each project against these target standards and:

i. Make recommendations regarding suitability of target standards of energy efficiency for major facility renovation and new construction. Among other uses, these standards shall be used in association with requests for qualification, proposals, and bids, as relevant;

ii. Review, evaluate, and comment on facilities capital improvement projects proposed and submit recommendations to the First Selectman;

(6) Review, evaluate, and comment on energy-related capital items in the capital budget upon submission of the budget to the Board of Selectmen but prior to action by the board to adopt.

(7) Research and evaluate regional, state and federal resources, incentives, and grants which relate to energy and energy conservation which may be available to both municipal government and the townspeople.

(d) The commission shall be authorized to enter into contracts, employ consultants and other assistants, and to receive and expend funds for equipment, supplies, and staff to carry out their duties. Any contracts to be entered into by the Energy Management Commission shall be first approved by the Board of Selectmen and shall be subject to the town’s purchasing policies and procedures.

(e) The Town of Greenwich may appropriate funds to the commission, as provided by and subject to Charter Article 2, section 21, budgetary process of the town.

(f) The commission shall provide the Board of Selectmen with an annual written report on or before September 1 of each fiscal year concerning commission activities and shall present short- and long-range recommendations for action to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and other appropriate officials of the town. Said report shall include tabulations of (1) the energy cost savings obtained during the fiscal year as a result of the action of the Commission; (2) the cost incurred as a result of the Commission’s activities; and (3) energy savings obtained during the fiscal year in terms of greenhouse gas emissions or other appropriate measures.

(g) Establish and implement methods to generate community support for an effective town-wide reduction in energy consumption.

The commission shall assume any other energy-related matters as may be assigned to it by the Board of Selectmen.
Michael Spilo, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, made a motion to postpone Item No. 1 indefinitely.

Upon a Voice Vote, Motion Carried

The Moderator yielded the chair to Alexis Voulgaris, Moderator Pro-Tempore to handle Item No. 2.

The Moderator Pro-Tempore announced that Item No. 2 on the Call was now before the meeting.

Peter Bernstein, Chairman of the Board of Education, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 2 which was duly moved and seconded.

2. RESOLVED, that the sum of $682,503 be and the same is hereby appropriated from “RESERVED FOR CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING FUND” to account Z6801689, Project TBD for costs associated with the MISA Building Flood Damage.

- Z6801689
  Project # TBD
  $682,503

The vote was now on the Item No. 2.

In Favor - 165
Against - 9
Abstentions - 6

Item Carried

The Moderator Pro-Tempore yielded the chair to the Moderator for the balance of the meeting.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 27 on the Call was now before the meeting.

Alexis Voulgaris, Chairman of Health & Human Services Committee, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 27 which was duly moved and seconded.

27. RESOLVED, The Nathaniel Witherell requests approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of $230,000 to be added to account H45002-51490 Professional Fees.

The vote was now on the Item No. 27.

In Favor - 145
The Moderator announced that Item No. 28 on the Call was now before the meeting.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 28 which was duly moved and seconded.

28. RESOLVED, the First Selectman is authorized to sign a Scenic Road Approval Form to accompany an Eastern Greenwich Preservation Association application to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Steven P. Rubin, Member of District 3, made a motion to limit debate to three (3) minutes per speaker per item, which was duly moved and seconded.

Upon a Voice Vote, Motion Carried

Betsey S. Frumin, Chairman of District 9, made a motion to postpone Item No. 28 indefinitely.

The vote was now on the District 9 Motion.

| In Favor | - 85 |
| Against | - 88 |
| Abstentions | - 1 |

Motion Failed

The vote was now on the Item No. 28.

| In Favor | - 94 |
| Against | - 76 |
| Abstentions | - 3 |

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 9:48 P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK