Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderators’ Hall of Central Middle School on Monday March 11, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. (E. S.T.).

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

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Attendance cards were presented showing 174 present, 53 absent and 3 vacancies.

The members stood for a moment of silence in memory of the events of September 11.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the January 15, 2002 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He noted that a member’s name was omitted from the list on page one. Claudia Keeler’s name has been inserted in the official minutes and a couple of other typos were corrected. He asked if there were any other corrections or comments, there being none, the minutes were adopted as amended.

First Selectman Richard Bergstresser presented an update report on the studies being done on the town’s roads, sewer systems and buildings.

Dean Goss, chairman of District 1, presented the following resolution recognizing the service and contributions of the late Thomas Lauricella.

With the passing of Tom Lauricella on February 2nd a lifetime of service to his family, to his church and to the community at large has come to an end. Tom was one of an increasing rarity. He was born in Greenwich and he lived his entire life in Greenwich, he left only to pursue his education and to serve in the army during the Second World War.

He attended Saint Mary’s School and was graduated from Greenwich High School. He attended Fordham University and pursued his legal studies at the Hartford School of Law and at Columbia University. Town Directories show him to be in practiced in the late 1930’s.

In the army he served in Europe in the Corps of Engineers. His knowledge of French caused his frequent use as an interpreter.

Upon return to civilian life he again practiced law. A practice that lasted until the early 1990’s. He was appointed a Judge in the Town Court and served until the demise of this court. He was the last person to hold the post.

He was an RTM member for 46 years. Throughout his tenure he was a member of the Rules Committee and served as it’s chairman for many years. For 20 years he chaired District One. He was very active in attempts to curb improper development along Milbank Avenue, joining with others in seeking ways to maintain the residential ambience of this major street.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and served at least one term as its Grand Knight.
An avid boater, he was a member of both the Mianus River Yacht and Boat Club and the Old Greenwich Yacht Club. At Old Greenwich he served a term as its Commodore. He was especially proud of being named their boatman of the year on at least two occasions. He took special joy in the time he could be on the Sound in one of a succession of the boats he owned. That they all carried the name Sunbeam is an indication of his overall outlook on life.

In his quieter times he found to be an accomplished violinist. A talent reserved for his own and his family’s pleasure.

In recognition of a life well lived, one of service to family —to church—and to the community at large, we of District One ask that these thoughts of affection and appreciation for his contributions, be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and that suitable copies be presented to his family.

The resolution was passed unanimously with the members standing for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Lauricella.

The Moderator suggested a motion to suspend the rules and combine items 1,2,3,4,& 6 and to consider separately Item No. 5.

Motion Carried

Douglas Wells, chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 1

RESOLVED, that the following regular Representative Town Meeting date for the 2002-2003 term is hereby changed:

From Monday, September 16,2002
To Tuesday, September 17,2002

Joseph Siciliano, Director of Parks & Recreation, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 2.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift in the amount of $25,000 from the Green Fingers Garden Club of Greenwich to support a restoration project at the Island Beach Ferry Landing.

Coline Jenkins-Sahlin, chairman of the Appointments Committee, offered the following resolutions, on behalf of the committee, regarding Items 3 & 4.
3. RESOLVED, that the following named persons, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed members of the RTM Labor Contracts Committee, for a term expiring 12/31/03.

    JOAN CALDWELL
    DONALD CONWAY
    DAVID DETJEN
    RICHARD GRIEB
    RICHARD STEFANI

4. RESOLVED, that the following named persons, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed members of the RTM Claims Committee, for a term expiring 12/31/03.

    MEREDITH BRAXTON
    STEVEN DERICCO
    BRIAN FORROW
    LLOYD HULL
    RANDALL HUFFMAN
    DONALD LANDSMAN
    EDWARD MANGANIELLO
    DAVID MELICK
    HOMER REES

Comptroller Edward Gomeau offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 6.

RESOLVED, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 7-403a, upon recommendation of the First Selectman and approval by the Board of Estimate and Taxation and Representative Town Meeting.

    It is hereby enacted as follows:

    (a) A loss and retiree benefits reserve fund is hereby created.

    (b) There shall be paid into such reserve fund such amounts authorized by CGS Section 7-403a from (1) cash surplus (2) tax levy, or (3) bonds, notes or other obligation.

    (c) Such reserve fund may be used only for losses and employee retirement benefits and expenses related thereto, including retiree health and life
benefits as provided in CGS Section 7-403a.

Richard Meyers of District 9 made a motion to amend Item No. 6 by adding a condition with a “d” paragraph stating “provided that the monies in the current general fund be paid back to the fund as determined by the BET and Comptroller and be repaid with interest rate of 5% until paid.”

The Moderator ruled the amendment not in legal order.

The vote was now on the combined items

In Favor - 165
Against - 5
Abstentions - 2

Items Carried

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

Coline Jenkins-Sahlin, chairman of the Appointments Committee, offered the following substitute resolution, on behalf of the committee, regarding Item No. 5.

RESOLVED, that the following named persons, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed members of the Condemnation Commission, for a term expiring 3/31/04.

DEAN L GOSS
ROBERT PERRI
JOSEPH RICCIARDI
NEIL RITTER
ROBERT TUTHILL

Michael Mason, chairman of District 8, made a motion, on behalf of the district, to refer this item back to the Appointments Committee for the purpose of nominating a member from District 8 to be on the commission.
The vote was now on Mr. Mason’s motion.

| In Favor | - | 71 |
| Against  | - | 95 |
| Abstentions | - | 2 |

Motion Lost

The vote was now on Item No. 5

| In Favor | - | 117 |
| Against  | - | 44 |
| Abstentions | - | 2 |

Item Carried

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

ATTEST:

CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK