

TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Cone Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Committee:

Present: Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman; William R. Finger, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington

Board: Robert Brady, Sean Goldrick, Randall Huffman, Mary Lee Kiernan, Michael Mason, Art Norton

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Robert Kick, Assistant Chief, Fire Department; Denise Savageau, Director, Conservation Commission; William McKersie, Superintendent; Ben Branyan, Managing Director of Operations; Tom Bobkowski, Director of School Safety, Board of Education; James Heavey, Chief, Police Department; Allen Brown, Executive Director; Ray Augustine, Director of Financial Operations, Nathaniel Witherell; Joseph Siciliano, Director; Tom Greco, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation

Other: David Ormsby; Lloyd Bankson, Nathaniel Witherell Board; Devin Santa, Roberge Associates, Coastal Engineers, LLC

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 P.M.

**REQUESTS FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**FD-1 Fire Department – Additional Appropriation \$203,375**

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 167,276	to	A205-51100	Firefighter Overtime
\$ 716	to	A207-53350	General Supplies
\$ 11,857	to	A205-54200	General Repairs
\$ 23,526	to	A205-51100	Replacement/Damaged Equipment
\$ 203,375	from		Fund Balance

Assistant Chief Kick gave an overview of the Fire Department's overtime and equipment damage expenses due to Hurricane Sandy, highlighting Cos Cob Fire Station flood loss, equipment loss, overtime costs, and cell phone replacement, which will be submitted for FEMA and insurance reimbursement. Assistant Chief Kick also reported that the Fire Department is drafting a new policy concerning cell phone use and replacement.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

**CC-1 Conservation Commission – Additional Appropriation \$50,000**

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 50,000 to A172-51970 Prior Year Expense  
\$ 50,000 from

Ms. Savageau explained that this request is in accordance with a joint funding agreement with USGS dated 9/1/09, for installation of a gaging station on the Byram River.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

ED-5 BOE – Additional Appropriation \$1,402,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$1,402,000 to Z680-1780-13124 Safety and Security  
\$1,402,000 from Capital Non-Recurring

Dr. McKersie gave an overview of the request for school's safety and security enhancements, highlighting a four part improvement plan; facilities, human resources, procedures and practices, and training. Chief Heavey gave an overview of the CT State Police Chiefs Association, Testimony to the School Safety Subcommittee of the Sandy Hook Advisory Panel, January 25, 2013. Mr. Branyan gave an overview of the Proposed Security Upgrades – 2013.

Dr. McKersie also shared comments regarding the value and necessity of the School Resource Officer. Mr. Tesei also shared comments regarding the Town and BOE security assessment.

A discussion followed regarding the facilities security upgrades, timeline, staff training, security issues, police response, alarms, and surveillance at GHS.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

NW-9 Nathaniel Witherell – Additional Appropriation \$643,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$ 195,000 to H45079-51300 Personnel Services  
\$ 107,000 to H45079-52220-53250 Services Supplies & Materials  
\$ 100,000 to H45079-54010 various Maintenance  
\$ 241,000 to H45079-57120 Town Allocated Services  
\$ 643,000 from TNW H Fund

Mr. Augustine explained that this request is due to budgeted revenues reductions, the delay of the start of Project Renew construction, and increases to fringe benefits. A discussion followed regarding FY 2014 anticipated cost reductions, patient census, and revenues.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of FY 2013-2014 Police Department Table of Organization

Mr. Pellegrino explained that the Budget Committee's actions regarding the Police Department proposed FY 2014 Budget will not result in changes to the Table of Organization, however a condition will be proposed concerning \$465,000, in order to open communications.

#### Discussion of Island Beach Storm Damages

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve addition of this item to the Agenda.

Mr. Siciliano explained that as a result of the engineering and construction analysis, it is anticipated that there will be an approximately \$475,000 increase over original cost estimate of \$1,310,000 for the repair of Hurricane Sandy damages to Island Beach. Mr. Santa gave a brief overview of the reconstruction and safety issues.

A discussion followed regarding insurance reimbursement, FEMA standards, approval and work schedule, and the State of CT Contracting List.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Gieger gave a report of the status of current economic conditions, highlighting conveyance and building permits revenues, and increases in expenditures due to pension costs.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Budget Committee Public Hearing Meeting, February 4, 2013

Budget Committee FY 2014 Departmental Review Day 1, February 5, 2013

Budget Committee FY 2014 BOE and Capital Review, February 7, 2013

Budget Committee FY 2014 Departmental Reviews Day 2, February 11, 2013

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, February 12, 2013

Upon a motion by Mr. Finger, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2013; February 5, 2013; February 7, 2013; February 11, 2013; and February 12, 2013, Budget Committee Meetings.

Budget Committee FY 2014 Departmental Reviews Day 3, February 13, 2013

Action on this item was postponed.

Budget Committee FY 2014 Finance Department Presentation & Capital Budget Review, February 20, 2013

Action on this item was postponed.

Budget Committee FY 2014 Consolidation Day, February 26, 2013

Action on this item was postponed.

Budget Committee FY 2014 Decision Day, February 28, 2013

Action on this item was postponed.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary



Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman