TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Cone Meeting Room
Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Committee: Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman; William R. Finger, Jeffrey S. Ramer,
Leslie L. Tarkington
Board: Robert Brady, Sean Goldrick, Randall Huffman, Michael Mason, Arthur
Norton
Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman; Drew Marzullo
Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Caroline
Baisley, Director; Deborah Flynn, Business Office Manager, Health
Department; John Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Fernando de Arango,
Assistant Town Attorney; Benjamin Branyan, Managing Director of
Operations, Board of Education; Robert Kick, Assistant Fire Chief; Amy
Siebert, Commissioner; Alan Monelli, Superintendent, Building
Construction and Maintenance, Public Works Department
Other: Joseph Ross, Chairman, MISA Building Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Requests for Budget Adjustments

HD-6 Health – Approval to Use $2,703

Approval to Use:

$ 600 to F40326-51490 Professional Services NOC
$ 723 to F40326-52020 Printing and Binding
$ 1,350 to F40326-52050 Postage
$ 30 to F40326-53010 Office Supplies
$ 2,703 from State of CT Lead Grant

Ms. Baisley gave an overview of the State of Connecticut Lead Poisoning Prevention and
Control Program provided Grant funds, which will be used to educate homeowners and medical
health care providers, conduct lead poisoning testing and case management when needed. A
discussion followed regarding selection of homeowners, and public notification.

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

SE-8 Law – Additional Appropriation $161,000

Additional Appropriation:

$ 161,000 to A140-51450 Additional Funds
$ 161,000 from General Fund Balance
Mr. Fox explained that this request is in order to retain expert testimony and to supply technical analysis and information, highlighting some types of cases were these services are necessary. A discussion followed regarding costs analysis, and funding.

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

**ED-4 Board of Education – Transfer $56,300**

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Mr. Branyan explained that after reviewing accounts, part of this request will allow the Facilities Department to use in-house maintenance, instead of hiring outside vendors, and the other part is needed to service special needs student's audio logical equipment. A discussion followed regarding BOE transfer requests.

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the transfer under the authority delegated to it by the BET.

**ED-5 Board of Education – Release of conditions $250,000**

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Mr. Ross explained that this request is for (1) gaining additional information, (2) addressing known EPA issues, and (3) improving the design of the MISA project. Redesign of the drainage system was necessary due to soil contamination and must be completed and approved by the EPA in order to proceed with the project. The Committee reviewed the MISA Cost Summary as of March 8, 2012, and Project Cost Projection Update Draft as of March, 9, 2012. At Mr. Pellegrino's request, Mr. Ross gave an overview and update of the MISA project. A lengthy discussion followed regarding revisions, soil remediation, and budgetary impact. A summary of this discussion could be stated as follows. The original project was planned at a total cost of $32,020,000. Subsequent activities have added additional costs: the need to vent the Gym (which was a capital project planned in future years but brought forward to help address MISA designs) $400,000; the need to change access to the VoTech space $300,000; the need to initiate soil testing and remediation $1,500,000, the need to build a Cofferdam to address
groundwater contamination $700,000; the need to move to the next phase of soil remediation $600,000; the need to redesign drainage and utility plans $300,000; the need to redesign in general, test and monitor $250,000; the delay for at least 3 more months to complete these redesigns $400,000; and the overall delay for the past year $860,000. When added to the original cost of the project, the estimated cost is now $37,330,000.

The Committee voted 4-0 to accept the report and release the condition on the appropriation and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

PW-9  DPW – Additional Appropriation $200,000

Additional Appropriation:
$ 200,000  to   Z315-59830-12199  GHS Soils Remediation
$ 200,000  from  Capital Non-recurring

Ms. Siebert explained that this request is to continue the soil remediation and removal project not related to MISA. Ms. Siebert also gave an overview of the project, including expenses through March 13, 2012. A brief discussion followed regarding scope of the project and funding.

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

PW-5  DPW – Release of conditions $100,000

Release of Conditions:
$ 100,000  to   Z345-59560-11134  Professional Fees

Mr. Pellegrino stated that the condition, “Subject to Release by the BET upon acceptance of a report for a solution to the septic system for the proposed King Street Fire Station and a determination if GEMS would be able to be stationed on this site”, has been met. Mr. Pellegrino also shared comments regarding additional information that arose since the condition was placed upon the project, questions regarding the site, the desire to find a more suitable site, the need to address the budgetary impact of a new station within the context of the Fire Department Operating budget and the need to addressing these issues in a cooperative, positive way going forward.

Mr. Tesei gave background information, an overview of the request, and shared comments regarding alternate locations and the necessity of the project. Mr. Monelli gave an overview of the current site plan and septic locations. Mr. Ramer shared comments regarding Mr. Tesei’s, as well as Chief Siecienski and Mr. Monelli’s constructive efforts concerning this proposal.

A discussion followed regarding staffing, the current site’s issues, alternative sites, current capital projects’ unforeseen costs and budgetary concerns.

The Committee voted 0-4 to the release of condition on the appropriation and recommended to forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation Budget Committee
March 13, 2012- Approved
NEW BUSINESS

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

The Committee reviewed the Selected Revenues and Spending Rate, February 2012, highlighting expenses, and fund balance. Mr. Gieger gave brief summary of the revenues and expenses. A discussion followed regarding conveyance tax receipts trends.

Nathaniel Witherell Cash Flow

The Committee reviewed the Nathaniel Witherell Operating Statistics/Information for the seven-month period ending January 31, 2012.

Budget Conditions

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2012-2013 Budget Conditions upon Department Requests.

Budget Resolutions

Mr. Ramer stated that the Law Committee will review the 2012-2013 Budget Resolutions on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 10:00 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Budget Committee Public Hearing, February 6, 2012

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2012, Budget Committee Public Hearing.

Budget Committee BOE Departmental & Capital Review, February 9, 2012

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2012, Budget Committee BOE Departmental & Capital Review.

Budget Committee Departmental Reviews Day 1, February 15, 2012

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2012, Budget Committee Departmental Reviews Day 1.

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, February 16, 2012

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2012, Budget Committee Regular Meeting.

Budget Committee Finance Department Presentation & Capital Review, February 22, 2012
The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2012, Budget Committee Finance Department Presentation & Capital Review.

**Budget Committee Departmental Reviews Day 2, February 24, 2012**

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2012, Budget Committee Departmental Reviews Day 2.

**Budget Committee Consolidation Day, February 27, 2012**

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2012, Budget Committee Consolidation Day.

**Budget Committee Decision Day, February 29, 2012**

The committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2012, Budget Committee Decision Day.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman