TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Law Department Conference Room

Committee: Elizabeth K. Krumreich, Chair; Karen Fassuliotis
Law: Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney; John Wayne Fox, Town Attorney
BET: Leslie Tarkington; Leslie Moriarty (by telephone)

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

1. Review and Approval of Budget Resolutions

The Committee reviewed the proposed Resolutions.

**Harbor Management Commission**—Resolution #10 provides the Harbor Management Commission with the authority to collect mooring fees which are then appropriated by the BET. Attorney Ahmad explained that this Resolution was similar to a Parks and Recreation Resolution and that the procedure for accounting for mooring fees was contemplated in the newly-approved Harbor Management Plan. The Committee agreed to retain this Resolution for this FY2018-19. The BET anticipates placing the Harbor Management Commission budget as a Reserve for Restricted Receipts (RRR) fund under the overall Town budget. The Harbor Management Commission will be presenting its FY2018-19 budget to the BET Budget Committee.

**General Government: Finance**—A member of the BET had requested a new Resolution that would give the Comptroller the authority to determine flexible bonding maturities. This Resolution was withdrawn as a separate resolution and will likely be proposed as part of the Bonding Resolution.

**Police Department**—The Police requested a Resolution to take certain fees and apply them to training costs. The Committee agreed that if this Resolution goes forward there will be a need to reduce the police training revenues by $50,000 in the appropriate accounts.

**Department of Public Works**—This Resolution would account for proceeds from inspection fees for special events held outside of regular hours in accounts with the caveat that there will be a greater discussion by the full BET in next year's budget discussions regarding revenues.

**Board of Education**—The Board of Education has requested a resolution to permit the acceptance of Non-governmental and Non-State grants up to $25,000. There was a discussion on $5,000 versus $25,000, and the Committee considered reducing the limit to $5,000. Language was added to have "upon approval by the BET."
Additional Provisions – Under the Whereas clause and first paragraph commencing "IT IS RESOLVED," the Committee then discussed an additional proposed clause to exempt the Board of Education from including its Table of Organization for certified staffing in the Resolution under which the appropriations for the salary and benefits accounts for FY2018-19 would be used only to fund the total number of positions as contained in the Town’s Table of Organization, which are the objects of the appropriations. Ms. Moriarty explained that she proposed this Resolution to clarify the role of the Town with respect to certified staffing. She explained that under State statute, the Board of Education was allowed to make their own determination as to how many certified employees it would employ. The Committee discussed the Resolution but did not take any action on it.

Department of Public Works Indemnification – This resolution relating to indemnification by the Town of the State for an easement on State Property was withdrawn by Attorney Gene McLaughlin.

3. Final Committee Votes on Resolutions.

The following Resolutions were then voting on by the Committee:

General Government: Office of the First Selectman. The Committee voted 2-0 to retain authority of the Harbor Management Commission to collect mooring permit fees. Motion carried.

General Government: Finance. The Committee voted 0-2 to authorize the Comptroller to assign bonding maturities not to exceed 20 years based on the useful life of the asset and economic conditions in the Town. Motion failed.

General Government: Senior Center. The Committee voted 2-0 to authorize the Greenwich Senior Center to accept donations of cash from the Friends of the Greenwich Senior Center, Inc. for the Town-planned and appropriated interior renovation of the Senior Center. Motion passed.

Police. The Committee voted 0-2 to authorize the Police to accept grant, fees, fines and forfeiture revenue to be applied to Police Department training. Motion failed.

Public Works. The Committee voted 2-0 to authorize the Department of Public Works to accept proceeds for special event inspection fees earned over weekends which is outside of regular work hours and such proceeds would reimburse the DPW for approved costs related to the special event. Motion carried.

Board of Education. The Committee voted 1-1 to authorize the BOE to accept non-Federal Government and non-State of Connecticut grants up to $25,000. Motion failed.

Additional Provisions. The Committee deferred a vote on the request to include an exemption of certified employees under the Board of Educations’ Table of Organization from appropriations for the salary and benefits accounts for FY2018-19 which are used to fund the total number of positions contained in the Town’s Table of Organization. Action Deferred.

2. Discussion in Executive Session of Pending Cases in Litigation
3. New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Karen Fassuliotis, Recording Secretary

Elizabeth K. Krumreich, BET Law Committee Chair