MINUTES of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Decision Day Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, March 26, 2018, in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chair Jill K. Oberlander called the meeting to order at 4:18 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Jill K. Oberlander, Chair
Jeffrey S. Ramer, Vice Chairman
Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Clerk
William Drake
Andreas Duus III
Karen Fassuliotis
Debra Hess
Michael S. Mason
Leslie Moriarty
Leslie L. Tarkington
Anthony Turner
David Weisbrod

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman; Sandy Litvack, Selectmen

Staff: Ben Branyan, Town Administrator; Jay Domesek, Director Fleet; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Thomas Greco, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Howard Richman, Tax Collector; Joseph Siciliano, Director, Parks & Recreation; Peter Siecienski, Chief, Fire Department

BOE: Peter Bernstein, Chair, Board of Education; Lorianne O’Donnell, Managing Director of Operations; Barbara O’Neill, Member, Board of Education

OTHER: Robert A. Cenci, Alternate, RTM Finance Committee, D-6

Ms. Oberlander opened the meeting by welcoming Board members and guests. She provided an overview of the process to be followed concerning the FY 2018-2019 Budget and noted the budget projections on the screen on the rear wall of the Town Hall Meeting Room. She then asked Ms. Krumeich to begin reading the Budget line by line for the record. Ms. Krumeich read each line item of the Budget. Items on which Board members made comments are identified below with the relevant votes.

PROPOSED FY 2017-2018 BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING
A105-51490 Office of the First Selectman – ($30,000)

Program: Economic Development Marketing – *Think Greenwich* Public Relations Initiative

Reason: To shift the current *Think Greenwich* program to embrace a full Economic Development Program with appropriate staffing.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: Condition $30,000 of $74,000 for the *Think Greenwich* program, upon acceptance by the BET of a presentation by the First Selectman of a full economic development plan for the Town with appropriate staffing.

- **Motion** - Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turner, to condition the release of $30,000 for the *Think Greenwich* Program based on conditions. The Board voted 7-6-0 to approve the conditioned funding. (Opposed: Drake, Duus, Fassuliotis, Hess, Mason, Tarkington) The Chair cast a tie-breaking vote. Motion carried.

A105-51490 Office of the First Selectman – ($30,000)

Program: External Development Marketing

Reason: The *Think Greenwich* program promotes the many attributes of the Town. The First Selectman's Office provides partial funding and oversight through the First Selectman's Economic Advisory Committee and a related outside group consisting of local businesses and realtors. The funds for this second year are to be conditioned upon receipt of matching funds by these local merchants as the confirmation of their continuing support of the program.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: Subject to release upon: 1) Matching funds for this effort have been committed and received; and 2) Review and approval of the Economic Advisory Committee's *Think Greenwich* work plan.

- **Motion to Condition** - Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus to condition the release of $30,000 for the *Think Greenwich* Public Relations Initiative. The Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the item Subject to Release based on conditions. Motion carried.

A139-52010 Tax Collector – ($1,000)

Reason: To decrease Legal Advertising and Public Notices by $1,000 to $2,000 since tax collection rate of 99.5% is historically typically achieved and past spending was $600 to $800.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to reduce the Tax Collector's Legal Advertising Budget by $1,000. The Board voted 6-6-0. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

A172-51010 General Government - Conservation - $32,463

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Reason: To restore the Director of Conservation to a full-time position, not shared with any other department. The changes are as shown on the annexed sheet.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turner, to restore the Director of Conservation to a full-time position. The Board voted 3-9-0. (Opposed: Duus, Drake, Fassuliotis, Hess, Mason, Moriarty, Oberlander, Tarkington, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

\[A172-51010 \text{ General Government - IWWA - } $58,584\]

Reason: To restore the Director of IWWA to a full-time position, not shared with any other department. The changes are as shown on the annexed sheet.

- **Motion Withdrawn** – Mr. Ramer withdrew this amendment.

\[A205 51010 \text{ Fire Department (}$83,825\text{)}\]

Reason: To reduce the salaries by the amount needed to promote four firefighters to Lieutenant, specifically to supervise the tower truck. Lieutenant supervision and leadership is provided by each fire station.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to reduce Firefighter salaries needed to promote four firefighters to Lieutenant. The Board voted 6-6-0. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

\[A205 51010 \text{ Fire Department - Condition release of } $83,825 \text{ of the } $7,934,515\]

Condition and/or Subject to Release: to afford an opportunity to reconsider the need and appropriateness of the additional four Lieutenants in light of any resolution of the pending labor arbitration respecting staffing of fire response.

- **Motion** – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Oberlander, to condition the release of $83,825 pending resolution of a pending labor arbitration. The Board voted 9-0-3. (Abstained: Duus, Fassuliotis, Tarkington) Motion carried.

\[A440-57225 \text{ External Entities - GEMS $4,653,650}\]

Condition and/or Subject to Release: upon review and acceptance by the BET of a semiannual report from GEMS respecting its operations, personnel and finances.

- **Motion** – Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to Condition the release of $4,653,650 upon a review and acceptance by the BET of a semiannual report. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

\[A440 57221 \text{ and 57231 External Entities - (TAG and Safe Rides)}\]
**A501 57210 External Entities – Human Services (Riverhouse, formerly Greenwich Adult Day Care) $293,000 (External Entities) $72,000 (Human Services)**

Reason: BOE, Commission on Aging, Human Services and TNW pay after using TAG services

Condition and/or Subject to Release: TAG appropriations are subject to release upon receipt and acceptance of a quarterly report by the Board of Estimate and Taxation from TAG respecting its operations, personnel and finances.

- **Motion** - Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason, to condition the release of the Town contribution to the TAG appropriation on the receipt and acceptance of a quarterly report respecting TAG's operations, personnel and finances. The Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the motion. Motion carried.

**A501-55020 Department of Human Services $45,000**

Reason: To increase the Department of Human Services budget by $45,000 to anticipate the disappearance of State funds and the disappearance of services from non-governmental entities that the Department relies upon for social service support of needy residents, by making available additional funding by which to acquire the services from alternative sources.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: Condition release of the additional $45,000 upon demonstrated need for the additional funding, approved by the BET, based upon changes in State funding and/or changes in programs and services available from non-governmental entities.

- **Motion to amend** - Mr. Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ramer, to add $45,000 to the Department of Human Services budget for additional funding to be available if needed based on reduction of funding from the State or other sources. The Board voted 6-5-1. (Opposed Duus, Drake, Fassuliotis, Hess, Tarkington) (Abstained: Mason) Motion carried.

**A501-57210 Department of Human Services ($75,000)**

Reason: To reduce External Entity cash contribution funding in Human Services due to growth in cash contribution funding to combined Town External Entities and Human Services External Entities.

- **Motion to amend** - Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to reduce cash contribution funding to Department of Human Services. The Board voted 2-6-4. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) (Abstained: Drake, Hess, Mason, Tarkington) Motion failed.
**A600 51990 Schools ($166,699)**

Reason: It is time for the BOE to reexamine headcount growth and the rising costs of schools. We ask that the BOE define programs with well-defined measurable goals and discontinue or change those programs with minimal student benefit. The BOE needs to work with the BET to find efficiencies in its operations without sacrificing education.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to delete $166,699 from the BOE budget to align it with BET Guidelines. The Board voted 6-6 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

**A600 52120 Schools ($250,000)**

Reason: To reduce contribution for busing due to noncompliance with original consultant study for busing and inadequate evaluation of need due to late start time.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to reduce $250,000 from the schools' bus transportation allocation. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

**A901 51010 Fixed Charges – Various Town and School Budgets - $333,394**

Reason: Adjustments to Budget to reflect settled contracts for Teamsters and Nurses per Department Schedule as shown on the annexed sheet.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to reduce salary lines in an aggregate amount of for $333,394 to reflect settled contracts. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**A901 51010 Fixed Charges – Various Town and School Budgets - $476,646**

Reason: To Budget in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for represented employees in unions with contracts not yet settled at 1.5% for represented employees without a labor contractual salary rate for the fiscal year including Fire, LIUNA, LIUNA (Schools), and Police per Department schedules as shown on the annexed sheet.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to reduce budgeted salary lines for FY 2018-2019 in an aggregate amount of $476,646 for contracts not yet settled. This reduction would provide departments with available monies for salary increases for such contracts at 1.5%. The Board voted 9-3-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Ramer, Weisbrod). Motion carried.

**A901 57960 Fixed Charges – Salary Adjustment Account – ($50,000)**
Reason: Salary Adjustment Account/Special Accounting to reduce budget to reduce Town Table of Organization by 2 Town Full-Time Funded Positions.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to reduce two full-time positions from the Town's Table of Organization. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

*A999 57128 Fixed Charges – Transfer to Other Funds ($150,000)*

Reason: For corresponding reduction in Fixed Charges – Transfer to Other Funds for reduction of Nathaniel Witherell 5.37 Full Time Equivalent Positions.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to reduce $150,000 from The Nathaniel Witherell staffing budget. The Board voted 5-7-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Mason, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer. Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

*A901 57010 Fixed Charges – Contribution to Retirement Account – $750,000*

Reason: The Town's proposed contribution to the Retirement Fund is $21.136 million. This amendment would increase the contribution by $750,000 to $21.886 million. The Plan's actuaries report a $144 million underfunding of the Plan. This amendment would facilitate a more rapid amortization of the Plan's unfunded liability over ten years rather than the current fifteen years.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: To the extent General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2018, greater than 10% of the FY 2019 General Fund Operating Budget.

- **Motion to amend** - Mr. Weisbrod made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to increase TOG's FY2019 contribution to its Retirement Fund by $750,000. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Drake, Fassuliotis, Hess, Mason, Moriarty, Tarkington) Motion failed.

*Salary Schedule Tab – Full-time Funded Positions/Total Full-Time Equivalent Positions Schedule – TOO Adjustment Only*

Reason: Town headcount should show no net new positions. To equate Salary Schedules Table of Organization for Budget Amendment reductions.

- **Motion to amend Withdrawn** – Ms. Tarkington withdrew the motion.

**CAPITAL BUDGET**

*A172 904 Conservation – Climate Change Adaptation – ($75,000)*
Reasons: Reduce $75,000 from conservation project because this is a long-range project that is not a priority and scientific assessments of sea level are different from those stated as planning criteria for project.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Drake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason, to reduce the Conservation Department budget by $75,000. The Board voted 6-6 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

**A206 956 Fire Department Round Hill Fire Station – $100,000**

Reason: To resolve the terms of the transaction and due diligence on the property before funds are committed.

Condition and/or Subject to Release – Condition the release of the funds upon receipt and acceptance by the BET of: (a) A due diligence review of title and the physical conditions existing at the property, including but not limited to the condition of the existing septic system; and (b) The contractual arrangements between the Town and the property owner.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to condition the release of $100,000 of A&E funds on the completion of a review and letter agreement. The Board voted 7-6-0 in favor of the motion. (Opposed: Drake, Duus, Fassuliotis, Hess, Mason, Tarkington) The Chair cast a tie-breaking vote. Motion carried.

**A312 960 19114 Public Works – Road & Sidewalk Maint. – Brookside Drive at Glenville Road Intersection Improvements ($200,000)**

Reason: A new, complicated intersection project while the Department’s has a current backlog. Requires extensive permitting from USACE, IWWA and Planning & Zoning.

- **Motion to amend**: Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to delete $200,000 and thereby defer the Brookside Drive project. The Board voted 7-5-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion carried.

**A312 960 19116 Public Works – Road & Sidewalk Maint. – Highway Maintenance ($250,000)**

Reason: Reduces highway maintenance to put this appropriation in line with this FY2018’s appropriation.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason, to reduce $250,000 from the highway maintenance budget. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod) Motion failed.

**A312 960 19117 Public Works – Road & Sidewalk Maint. –Annual Paving Program ($1,000,000)**
Reason: Reduces annual paving program to $3,000,000. Cost of asphalt remains low.

- **Motion to amend**: Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to delete $1,000,000 from the Annual Paving Program budget. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**A312 960 19118 Public Works – Road & Sidewalk Maint. – Parks & Recreation Sidewalk, Road and Parking Lot Maintenance ($50,000)**

Reason: After the reduction, the program’s budget would be $125,000, an increase of $75,000 over the current fiscal year budget of $50,000.

- **Motion to amend**: Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason, to reduce $50,000 from the Parks & Recreation Parking Lot program. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**A312 960 19119 Public Works – Road & Sidewalk Maint. – Pemberwick Road Retaining Wall Repair ($500,000)**

Reason: Defer for one year for additional information on permits required and scope of work for this previously unidentified project.

- **Motion to amend**: Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to delete $500,000 for Retaining Wall Repair. The Board voted 6-6-0. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**A312 960 19119 Public Works – Bridges. – Wesskum Wood Road Bridge Replacement ($400,000)**

- **Motion to amend Withdrawn**: Ms. Fassuliotis withdrew this amendment.

**A312 962 12-17 Public Works – Sound Beach Avenue Bridge $4,900,000**

Reason: The project is represented to be fully reimbursed by the State to the sum of the $4,900,000 and that the reimbursement is to be received prior to the start of the construction work.

**Condition and/or Subject to Release**: To be released upon commitment from the State to reimburse $4.9 million.

- **Motion**: Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason, to release funds for the Sound Beach Avenue bridge project based on the BET receipt of commitment from the State to reimburse $4.9 million. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**A345 956 Public Works – Byram Fire Station Upgrades $3,000,000**

Reason: The BET has never been presented with reasonably detailed conceptual plans or
specifications of the work to be performed. There has been some accompanying discomfort of the BET with the amount of the appropriation. It seems appropriate to condition the release of most of the funds, less the funds needed to prepare plans and solicit bids.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: Conditioned upon review and acceptance by the Board of Estimate and Taxation of project bids.

- **Motion** – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Krumreich, to release funds for plan development and condition the $3.0 million for construction based on BET review and acceptance of project bids. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**A345 956 Public Works – Senior Center Interior Renovation $500,000**

- **Motion to Condition Withdrawn** – Mr. Ramer withdrew this amendment.

**A680 956 Schools – Furnishings – GHS Classroom Furniture ($500,000)**

Reason: New $1,500,000 equipment replacement program, including furniture, not previously budgeted. Reduces classroom furniture program by $500,000 from $600,000 to $100,000. Furniture selection should be dependent on acceptance of the Board of Education Master Plan.

Discussion: Mr. Bernstein spoke in opposition to the reduction, saying the amount represents the annual replacement program for aging equipment.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to reduce $500,000 from the BOE furniture replacement budget request. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumreich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**A680 59560 Schools – Building Infra. – Architect & Engineering Services for Capital Projects ($200,000)**

Reason: Reduce $200,000 of the $700,000 appropriation for architect and engineering services for capital projects to the current level of $500,000.

- **Motion to amend** – Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hess, to reduce $200,000 from the $700,000 requested for A&E to the current level of spending. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumreich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**A680 956 Schools – Building Infra. – Architect & Engineering Services for Capital Projects $200,000**

Reason: The capital request is for architect and engineering services to be used for the planning of the FY20 capital projects. The BOE is developing its revised Master Plan and has indicated that it is anticipating a substantive increase in the amount of capital projects required to bring the school facilities up to appropriate standards.
as well as plan for enrollment and educational changes. Given that the revised Master Plan has not yet been vetted, that the proposed A&E amount is 40% higher than prior years and that more information about the capital plan will be available as the year progresses, it is proposed to condition the release of $200,000, an amount that is more than prior years, to be released upon demonstrated need.

Condition and/or Subject to Release – Condition $200,000 for release upon demonstrated need for architect and engineering services to be used for the planning of FY20 capital projects.

- **Motion** – Ms. Oberlander made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to condition $200,000 of the requested $700,000 based on demonstrated need for A&E services to be used for planning of FY20 capital projects. The Board voted 10-0-2 in favor of the motion. (Abstained: Fassuliotis, Mason). Motion carried.

**A680 59560 Schools – Interior Finishes – Painting & Flooring ($150,000)**

Reason: Reduction to level of painting forecasted in the current budget year for FY2019. Also, substantial interior painting funds remain appropriated and unspent.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hess, to reduce $150,000 from the funds for painting and replacement flooring. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion. Motion failed. (Opposed: Krumeich, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**A680 59560 Schools – Central Middle School basement columns – $1,000,000**

Reason: When the request was made, the Administration did not yet have advice from an engineer as to the appropriate repair. Additionally, the $1,000,000 requested was expressed to be a guess, pending information as to the actual work. It seems reasonable to condition the release of funds upon the BET being advised of the work to be performed and a more accurate estimate of the cost.

Condition and/or Subject to Release – The release of funds is conditioned upon the BET receiving and approving reasonably detailed information as to the repair recommended by the Administration’s engineer and a more accurate estimate on the anticipated cost of the work.

- **Motion** – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to condition the release of $1,000,000 subject to the BET receipt of information concerning the cost of recommended repair. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

**A680 59560 Schools – Building Infra. – MEP HVAC – ($450,000)**

Reason: Reduction of $450,000 for MEP HVAC from $3,410,000 to $2,960,000. The $3,410,000 is an increase over $2,915,000 budgeted in current budget for FY2018. To bring the expenditure in line with previous year’s funding and to allow for the use of two years uncommitted and encumbered and unspent funds.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Fassuliotis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason, to reduce the appropriation by $450,000. The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion.
Motion – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarty, to separate the requested appropriation for the $2,040,000 to refurbish Athletic Fields from the $300,000 for the Central Middle School (CMS) field. The Board voted 12-0-0 on the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to amend – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to delete $300,000 for the installation of artificial playing field at CMS. The Board voted 2-10-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Drake, Duus, Hess, Krumeich, Moriarty, Mason, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

Motion to Condition – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod, to condition the release of $150,000 of the $300,000 appropriation for the proposed work at CMS upon the BET receiving and accepting a feasibility study on the proposed work, showing the intended improvements given the issues that need to be addressed in response to community concerns. The Board voted 10-1-1 in favor of the condition. (Opposed: Tarkington; Abstained: Fassuliotis). Motion carried.

Motion – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to condition the release of $2,040,000 for the replacement of GHS Field 6 and 7 carpets on a concurrence by CT DEEP and EPA for the plan to replace GHS Fields 6 & 7 carpets. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the condition. Motion carried.

Reason: Community concerns have been expressed about the long-term impact of certain turf field in-fills on children. When the artificial turf for Field #1 was refurbished in FY17, the funding was conditioned upon the BET receiving evidence that the BOE,
Board of Health and Department of Parks & Recreation considered and agreed on
the product to be used.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: Subject to release upon confirmation that the type of in-fill
for Fields #6 and #7 is either the same product or the BOE receives evidence that the BOE, BOH
and DP&R agree on the criteria for a similar product as used during FY17-18 for the Field #1
replacement project.

- Motion – Ms. Oberlander made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turner, to condition the
release of funds upon BET receipt of confirmation that the type of in-fill will be either
the same or of a similar quality product as used for the Field #1 replacement project
in FY17-18.

Discussion: Mr. Bernstein commented that in the past, Department of Parks & Recreation, Board
of Health and the Board of Education could not agree on the type of in-fill materials to be used in
the artificial turf for the GHS fields. Their agreement was only that the artificial turf was
environmentally sound.

The Board voted 12-0-0 on the motion. Motion carried.

A680 983 19162 Schools – Building Infra. – Exterior – Hamilton Avenue Courtyard –
$260,000

Reason: The Hamilton Avenue School project cornerstone is dated 2008. Receipt of
the Hamilton Avenue School (HAS) certificate of occupancy (CO) should be
highest priority. Work needed for its receipt could impact the surrounding areas.

Condition and/or Subject to Release: on receipt of CO for HAS project.

Discussion: Mr. Bernstein explained that it was not a lack of funds that kept the project from being
completed, but rather the concern that changes could interfere with the receipt of the CO.

- Motion – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to condition release
of $260,000 for the Hamilton Avenue Courtyard project on receipt of CO for HAS.
The Board voted 5-6-1 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Mason, Moriarty, Ramer,
Turner, Weisbrod; Abstained: Oberlander). Motion failed.

A680 956 19163 Schools – Building Infra. – Exterior – Underground Tank Removals –
($175,000)

Reason: Reduce $175,000 budget for tank removals from proposed budget of $235,000 to
limit the project to Western Middle School, where a plan for a larger remediation
program is in progress.

- Motion to amend – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drake, to reduce
$175,000 from the BOE Tank Removal line item. The Board voted 5-7-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Mason, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

H450 956 19188 Nathaniel Witherell – Building Infra, Pavilion Capital ($29,300)
Reason: Delete $29,300 from The Nathaniel Witherell Capital project designated for the Pavilion, a structure that was designated for demolition under both the Kavounas plan originally approved to replace Nathaniel Witherell, and Project Renew which is now complete. There is no approved capital plan for the Pavilion.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Tarkington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to delete $29,300 from The Nathaniel Witherell Capital request. The Board voted 5-7-0 on the motion. (Opposed: Krumeich, Mason, Moriarty, Oberlander, Ramer, Turner, Weisbrod). Motion failed.

**H450 59560 Nathaniel Witherell – TNW Gym Rehab – Restore $90,000 for a total project cost of $272,000**

Reason: The Nathaniel Witherell requested approval to fund the expansion of its gym rehabilitation facilities. The total cost for this project is projected to be $272,000 of which $182,000 is to be funded by a STEAP grant. The BET Budget Committee reduced the project funding to the amount of the STEAP grant. After the Budget Committee completed its work, it was identified that the Friends of Nathaniel Witherell would provide the funds for the project cost more than the STEAP grant.

Condition and/or Subject to Release – Condition the release of $90,000 upon confirmation of receipt of funds from the Friends of The Nathaniel Witherell to cover the cost of the project above amount of the STEAP grant.

- **Motion to amend** – Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, to condition the restoration of $90,000 to TNW Gym Rehab project. The Board voted 10-0-2 on the motion. (Abstained: Drake, Tarkington). Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION AND REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING ON 2018-19 BUDGETS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FRIENDS OF SENIOR CENTER TO ACCEPT DONATIONS AND CASH TOWARD THE RENOVATION OF THE SENIOR CENTER.

Proposed Resolution #21b: The Greenwich Senior Center is authorized 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 and such proceeds shall become appropriations that the Comptroller shall add to the appropriate accounts upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Taxation; *provided* that such phase of the project has been appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Taxation and the Representative Town Meeting. The Senior Center shall submit an annual report to the Board of Estimate and Taxation itemizing these donations.

- **Motion** – Ms. Krumeich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to relabel the existing Resolution #21 as Resolution #21a and to approve Proposed Resolution #21b authorizing the Friends of the Senior Center, Inc. to accept cash donations for the renovation of the Senior Center. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT PROCEEDS FROM INSPECTION SERVICES PERFORMED OUTSIDE REGULAR WORK HOURS

Proposed Resolution #36: The Department of Public Works is authorized to accept proceeds in an amount equal to the labor costs, as specified in the collective bargaining agreement for inspection services provided for special events that occur outside of regular work hours, and such proceeds shall become appropriations that the Comptroller shall add to the appropriate accounts for the purpose of reimbursing the approved costs related to these special event inspections. These proceeds shall be in addition to the mandated permit fees. The Department of Public Works shall submit to the Comptroller and the Board of Estimate and Taxation an annual report itemizing these proceeds.

- **Motion** – Ms. Krumelich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to approve the Proposed Resolution #36 authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept proceeds from inspection services provided for special events that occur outside of regular work hours. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ACCEPT NON-FEDERAL AND NON-STATE GRANTS UP TO $5,000.

Proposed Resolution #43(i): Non-Federal Government and/or Non-State of Connecticut grants (e.g., funding for a specific purpose) up to $5,000 that shall (a) comply with all Town and Board of Education policies and procedures and purchasing and contracting requirements (including insurance and indemnification), be overseen by the Board of Education’s Finance and Operations Department, comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and have all necessary Federal, State and local land use, environmental and other governmental approvals in place prior to the start of any work; and (b) donations of cash shall become appropriations which the Comptroller shall add to the appropriate accounts upon approval by the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The Board of Education shall submit to the Comptroller and the Board of Estimate and Taxation an annual report itemizing these grants.

- **Motion** – Ms. Krumelich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to approve Proposed Resolution #43(i) authorizing the Board of Education to accept non-Federal Government and non-State of Connecticut grants up to $5,000. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

RESOLUTION UNDER WHICH APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARY AND BENEFITS ACCOUNTS MAY BE USED ONLY TO FUND POSITIONS IN TABLE OF ORGANIZATION.

- **Motion to amend** – Motion to clarify language on Board of Education certified staff withdrawn by Ms. Moriarty.

RESOLUTIONS ON GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIPTS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- **Motion** – Ms. Krumelich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to approve the Resolutions on Grants and Other Receipts and Additional Provisions, all as amended.
The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $38,005,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

- **Motion to Amend** – Ms. Oberlander made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod, to amend the Resolution’s header to correct the amount from $38,205,000 to $38,005,000. The Board voted 12-0-0 in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

- **Motion to Amend** – Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turner, to replace the word “fifth” with “twentieth” in the sixth line of Section 1 of the Bonding Resolution to allow for varying maturities up to twenty years on bonded indebtedness.

The Board discussed this motion at length, with differing views being presented by Board members. The Chair called for a short break so that Board members could converse within their respective caucuses.

The Board voted 6-6-0 on the motion to change the bonding resolution to allow for varying maturities of up to twenty years of bonded indebtedness. (Opposed: Drake, Duus, Fassuliotis, Hess, Mason, Tarkington). Motion failed.

- **Motion to Amend** – Ms. Krumreich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to approve the Bonding Resolution, as amended. The Board voted 10-1-1 in favor of the motion. (Opposed: Turner; Abstained: Moriarty) Motion carried.

**BUDGET SCHEDULE**

To be Financed: $425,930,922.00

Means of Financing: $11,498,810 Use of Fund Balance
   $32,901,340,544 Grand List

Mill Rate: 0.0%

Sewer Maintenance Mill Rate: 0.463%
Sewer Improvement Mill Rate: 0.039%

- **Motion** – Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to approve the proposed 2018-2019 Budget as amended. The Board voted 12-0-0 on the motion. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS**

Ms. Oberlander closed the meeting with thanks to her colleagues for their participation in the Budget process and suggested the next step would be to bring informational explanations to the RTM Committees to promote passage of the budget at the RTM’s May 14, 2018, Meeting.
Mr. Duus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 A.M. The Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Clerk of the Board

Jill K. Oberlander, Chair