

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Cone Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Committee:

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

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

Selectmen: Peter Tesei, First Selectman, Drew Marzullo

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; John Crary, Town Administrator; Joseph Siciliano, Director, Parks & Recreation; ; Lt. John Brown, Operations; James Heavey, Chief, Police Department; Peter Sicienski, Chief; Robert Kick, Assistant Chief, Fire Department; J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Fred de Arango; Valerie Maze Keeney, Assistant Town Attorneys

Other: William Kupinse, Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M.

REQUESTS FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

PR-7 Parks & Recreation – Release of Conditions \$143,300

Release of Conditions:

\$ 143,300 to Z809-59840-13213 Storm Damage Repair –
Pier at Great Captains Island

Mr. Siciliano gave an overview of storm damage repairs, stating that work at Greenwich Point and Byram will be completed for the Memorial Day beach openings. Mr. Siciliano also stated that the contractor has been secured, and after one week, is progressing satisfactorily. It is anticipated that work will be completed at the Island by June 9th. Construction meetings are held every Tuesday.

Mr. Siciliano explained that this request is for repairs to the pier at Great Captains Island, and gave a brief overview of the required repairs.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

PD-5 Police – Approval to Use \$60,000

Approval to Use:

\$ 60,000 to F213-52960 Repaint Police Boat
\$ 15,000 from Federal Asset Forfeiture
\$ 45,000 from 2012 DHS Port Security Grant

Chief Heavey explained the request for funding for replacement electronics and updates for Boat #124, which was built in 2002, and is used for search and rescue. A discussion followed regarding police boats and their functions.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a routine application.

OLD BUSINESS

Potential Land Acquisition

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to take this item out of order.

Mr. Pellegrino gave background information concerning the search for alternative locations for a proposed Northwest Greenwich Fire Station. Mr. Tesei shared comments concerning the current location's limitations, seeking alternate sites, and community necessity. Chief Siecienski shared information regarding current conditions, response times and back country limitations, staffing options, and software initiatives.

A discussion followed regarding current conditions, priorities, staffing options, response times, GEMS locations, access to water, volunteer options, property values, out-of-budget-cycle request, addressing the residential building code, and planning.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the First Selectman to pursue negotiations for land acquisition for Northwest Greenwich Fire Station #9, 1.) subject to price, and satisfactory due diligence, and 2.) receipt by the BET of a Town-wide Fire Department comprehensive, strategic plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Report of Status of Current Economic Conditions

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to take this item out of order.

Mr. Gieger gave a report of the status of current economic conditions, highlighting tax revenues, expenditures consistent with last year, and the Nathaniel Witherell Statement of Operations, February 28, 2013. A discussion followed regarding the Nathaniel Witherell Capital carry over and encumbrances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to take these items out of order.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Finger, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2013, Budget Committee Departmental Reviews Day 3 Meeting.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Finger, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2013, Budget Committee Finance Department Presentation and Capital Budget Review Meeting.

Budget Committee FY 2014 Consolidation Day, February 26, 2013

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2013, Budget Committee Consolidation Day Meeting.

Budget Committee FY 2014 Decision Day, February 28, 2013

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2013, Budget Committee Decision Day Meeting.

Budget Committee Regular Meeting, March 12, 2013

Upon a motion by Mr. Finger, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013, Budget Committee Regular Meeting.

Executive Session

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 8:02 P.M. to discuss litigation matters.

In attendance were:

Peter Mynarski, Comptroller
Peter Tesei, First Selectman
BET Members: Pellegrino, Ramer, Finger, Tarkington, Brady, Goldrick, Huffman, Johnson, Kiernan, Mason, and Norton

The Committee voted unanimously to leave executive session at 8:50P.M.

SE-7 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation \$15,000

Additional Appropriation:

\$15,000 to P935-57350
\$15,000 from

Settlement – Munnick v. TOG
Risk Fund Balance

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

SE-8 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation \$XXX

Additional Appropriation:

\$ XXX	to	P935-57350	Settlement
\$ XXX	from		Risk Fund Balance

No action was taken on this item.

SE-9 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation \$XXX

Additional Appropriation:

\$30,000 to	P935-57350	Settlement – Skogg v. Greenwich BOE
\$30,000 from		Risk Fund Balance

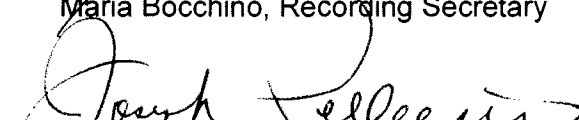
The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the request and forward it to the Board of Estimate and Taxation as a non-routine application.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary



Joseph L. Pellegrino, Chairman