

RTM April 2006 Minutes

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held on Monday April 10, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.).

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Thomas J. Byrne.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the call for the meeting, the reading of the call would be omitted.

Town Clerk Carmella C. Budkins swore in two new members, Susan McCabe in District 4 and Corrine A Hughes in District 11.

Attendance cards were presented showing 182 present, 42 absent and 5 vacancies.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the March 13, 2006 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments, there being none, the minutes as submitted, were adopted by unanimous consent.

The Moderator suggested a motion, which was duly moved and seconded, to place the following items on the consent calendar - # 4-6-7-8-9 & 15.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 5 had been withdrawn.

The Moderator announced that the consent calendar was now before the meeting.

4. **RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring 3/31/09.**

PAUL deBARY

6. **RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Health for a term expiring 3/31/10.**

FORBES DELANY

7. **RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring 3/31/09.**

LOUIS P. PITTOCCO

8. **RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the South Western Regional Planning Agency for a term expiring 3/31/09.**

PAUL C. SETTELMAYER

9. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term expiring 3/31/09.

ANDREW MILLER

15. **RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$77,600 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the account number identified below:

380-53500 Motor Fuel and Lubricants \$77,600

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$93,400 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the account number identified below:

380-53510	Parts for Automotive equipment	\$23,400
	(Tires)	
380-53510	Parts for Automotive equipment	\$70,000

The vote was now on the consent calendar.

In Favor	-	170
Against	-	0
Abstentions	-	0

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 1 on the call was now before the meeting.

Coline Jenkins, chairman of the Appointments Committee, offered the following resolution, on behalf of the committee.

RESOLVED, that the following named persons, nominated by the RTM Appointments Committee, be appointed a member of the Condemnation Commission for terms expiring 3/31/08.

**DEAN GOSS
ROBERT PERRI
JOSEPH RICCARDI
NEIL RITTER
ROBERT TUTHILL**

The vote was now on Item No. 1.

In Favor	-	164
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Against - 7
Abstentions - 0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 2 on the call was now before the meeting.

Chris Antonik offered the following sense of the meeting resolution.

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Greenwich, hereby request Representative Town Meeting to make a sense of the meeting resolution to forbid tractor trailer car carriers or any car carriers from off loading or even entering the Grass Island Town Park starting at Shore Road and off loading motor vehicles.

Also the storing of construction equipment, prefab homes, motor homes, carnival equipment, etc.

The Town of Greenwich is exempt on all and any equipment related only to town use.

Robert Tuthill of District 3 made a motion, which was duly moved and seconded, to limit debate on the remaining items on the call as follows:

The time to speak at this meeting will be limited to three minutes per speaker for each motion, except that the proponent and principal opponent for the motion (the latter to be determined by the Moderator) shall be entitled to speak for ten minutes each.

Motion Lost

(Failed to receive the two thirds majority)

H. Franklin Bloomer, chairman of the Land Use Committee, made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend Item No. 2 as follows with new wording:

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of the Representative Town Meeting that tractor trailer car carriers and other commercial vehicles not serving Town purposes at Grass Island be prohibited from entering or using Grass Island for the off loading of cargo or for any other purpose not related to Town Use for a facility located on Grass Island; and further that there be prohibited the storing of equipment, structures and property not related to Town use for a facility on Grass Island.

Erford Porter, II of District 6 made a motion, which was seconded, to postpone this item until the June meeting. Following discussion on that motion, Mr. Porter offered to withdraw his motion and he was allowed to do so by unanimous consent of the members.

Lucy Krasnor of District 5 made a motion, which was seconded, to refer Item No. 2 to the Land Use Committee.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 3 on the call was now before the meeting.

Sam Romeo offered the following sense of the meeting resolution, regarding Item No. 3.

RESOLVED, We the undersigned residents of Greenwich, CT request that the RTM delete the sum of \$150,000.00 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) from the capital budget 2006-2007 - General Fund - code 956 # 302 DPW Engineering - “ Cos Cob Site Remediation”.

This project has the potential to cost the taxpayers of Greenwich, \$8,000,000.00 (eight million dollars) or more to build a STATE PARK.

We also request that the First Selectman, receive a commitment from the State of Connecticut for full reimbursement of this remediation money BEFORE we spend one more dollar of our taxpayer money for the contamination the State left behind.

Finally, we request that this “Cos Cob Site Remediation” be discussed in a joint session with the following committees of the RTM- Public Works, Budget Overview, and Land Use, with the Public Works committee being the lead committee.

The Moderator ruled that the resolution was not in legal order as **it seeks to delete an appropriation not before the RTM,** it is not a sense of the meeting resolution and purports to place a condition on an appropriation.

H. Franklin Bloomer, chairman of the Land Use Committee, offered the following sense of the meeting resolution in place of Item No. 3.

RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Representative Town Meeting that the First Selectman receive a commitment from the State of Connecticut for full reimbursement of the remediation of the Cos Cob Power Plant site BEFORE we spend one more dollar of our taxpayer money for the remediation of the contamination the State left behind.

Karen Sadik-Khan, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend the Land Use resolution as follows:

In the second line, change the word “receive” to “seek”

And at the end of that line after the word “full, **insert** words “or partial”.

In the fourth line before the word “remediation” add the word “actual”.

The vote was now on the Parks & Recreation Committee motion to amend.

In Favor	-	133
Against	-	44
Abstentions	-	2

Amendments Carried

The vote was now on the Land Use Committee sense of the meeting resolution as amended.

In Favor	-	130
Against	-	48
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 10 on the call was now before the meeting.

Town Administrator Ed Gomeau offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 10.

RESOLVED, that amendment to Section 260 of the Town of Greenwich Charter initiated by the Board of Estimate and Taxation be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 260. Payment of assessment and taxes.

(a) The benefits apportioned and assessed as provided in the pertinent provisions of this Article, or in any other General or Special Act relating to sewer assessments in the Town shall be payable in one sum on the [September] first **day of the first month** following the expiration of forty-five (45) days after the filing of the sewer assessment list or in approximately equal successive annual installments commencing on [such September] **the first payment date** with interest at a rate not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum on the unpaid balance of the assessment, except that the first installment of any assessment against property in an area of future benefit which neither abuts nor is connected with a sewer shall become due on and bear interest from the [September] first **day of the first month** following the expiration of one (1) month after the completion of an abutting sewer or connection with a sewer. Such rate of interest, and the number of installments, which shall not exceed twenty (20), shall be determined by the Board of Estimate and Taxation. Overdue assessments and installments thereof shall bear the same rate of interest as overdue Town taxes. The entire unpaid balance of any assessment may be paid at any time with the accrued interest to the date of payment. If two (2) successive annual installments are in default, the entire balance, at the option of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, shall forthwith become due and payable with interest.

(b) Whenever a determination has been made to recover a portion of the cost of construction of sewage disposal plants and trunk sewers by the laying and levying of taxes against the properties within the sewer district, the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall determine the annual tax necessary to recover that portion of the cost of the sewage disposal plants and trunk sewers over a period of time not to exceed twenty (20) years. On or before January 31 preceding the due date of each annual tax, the Assessor shall present to the Board of Estimate and Taxation a statement showing the total assessed valuation upon the grand list last completed of the real estate including land and buildings within the sewer district. The Board, by the affirmative vote of seven (7) of its members, shall on or before May 25 determine the tax rate which shall be laid thereon to pay for the portion of the cost of such project to be recovered in the following year, together with interest accruing during the year on the unpaid balance of indebtedness incurred to pay such part of the cost of such project as is to be recovered by taxation of properties within the Sewer District, and levy taxes at a uniform rate upon such properties.

(c) The chairman and clerk of the Board shall forthwith file a certificate of the laying and levying of such taxes in the office of the Town Clerk. Such taxes shall become due in two (2) equal installments with the Town taxes, shall bear the same rate of interest as unpaid town taxes, and shall be a lien upon such properties, including any buildings and improvements thereon,

from the date of the last-completed grand list, provided that no lien shall continue to exist for more than one (1) year from the date that the tax becomes due and payable unless continued in the manner provided by law for the continuance of real property tax liens. Such lien shall take precedence over all other liens and encumbrances excepting existing taxes or assessments.

(S.A. 333 jì 7, 1955; as amended by RTM, 1/8/62; RTM, 6/27/66; RTM, 3/10/69; RTM, 3/11/74.)

(additions **bold**; deletions within [brackets])

The foregoing proposal for home rule action requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Representative Town Meeting.

Douglas Wells, Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend the resolution as follows:

In the first sentence, delete the words “amendment to” and in the second sentence delete the words “initiated by the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Alan Small of District 10 made a motion to amend Item No. 10 by adding some wording to the final paragraph as follows:

The foregoing proposal for home rule action upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Representative Town Meeting be sent to the Selectmen for the creation of a Charter Revision Commission under 7-188 to review and report on the proposal, and for its placement on a referendum ballot, followed by approval at a referendum, requiring, if at a regular election, a vote of a majority of the electors voting therein.

The Moderator ruled the amendment was not in legal order as it seeks to amend a statement of law that is informational only and is not part of the resolution.

The vote was now on Item No. 10 as amended.

In Favor	-	136
Against	-	26
Abstentions	-	14

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 11 on the call was now before the meeting.

Town Administrator Ed Gomeau offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No.11. .

RESOLVED, that Sections 122, 123, 124, 128, 129, 142, 143, 144, 145, 150, 217 and 238 of the Town of Greenwich Charter be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 122. Department of Parking Services; Director.

(a) There shall be a Department of Parking Services under the supervision and control of the First Selectman. The Department of Parking Services shall have charge of administrative and managerial services relating to the parking areas and facilities of the Town including supervision of planning, development, operation, regulation, collection of revenue and use of public parking areas owned leased with or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Town and, as provided in this section, with supervision of the construction and furnishing of same with necessary equipment, signs, buildings, appurtenances and other structures and the maintenance thereof. The Department of Parking Services shall assist the Board of Selectmen, Board of Estimate and Taxation, Condemnation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission and Representative Town Meeting in carrying out their responsibilities under this Article in such manner as the First Selectman may prescribe.

(b) The head of the Department of Parking Services shall be the Director of Parking Services who shall be experienced in matters of public parking administration and management. The Director shall perform the duties set forth in this Article and shall supervise public parking projects. The Director shall select and employ architects and professional engineers for projects requiring structural analysis, design, development and construction management, except that no architect or engineer shall be selected or employed without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Selectmen. No documents shall be issued for bidding for the construction of parking structures unless and until the final project plans and specifications have been sealed and approved by a professional engineer and approved by the Commissioner of Public Works and the Selectmen. The Director shall obtain written statements from the architect and engineer of record and general contractor involved in any project affirming that the completed construction is in compliance with the approved plans and design specifications. The Director shall superintend the issuance of all permits, licenses, assignments and scheduling of maintenance of public parking areas and facilities.

(c) The Director may make joint applications with the Commissioner of Public Works for appropriations for parking related activities including construction, maintenance and design professional work in order that they may be carried out by the Department of Public Works and shall obtain the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works for any on street parking activity that affects a Town highway. Such appropriations and appropriations for the parking administrative and managerial services shall be charged to the Department of Parking Services and may be made first from the parking fund and then, as necessary, from the general fund and shall be submitted and approved separately from appropriations for the acquisition and improvement of parking areas as otherwise provided by this Article. Determination of joint, administrative and managerial appropriation requests related to parking services shall be made by the First Selectman.

Sec. 12[2]3. Acquisition of land for public parking.

The Town is authorized to acquire real property, which shall include improvements, easements, hereditaments and every estate and interest therein, by purchase, lease, gift or

condemnation, and to improve the same, for the purpose of providing for the public parking of vehicles, after funds to cover the estimated cost of acquisition and improvement have been appropriated and allotted as hereinafter provided and as provided by law in the Town.

(S.A. 177 § 1, 1957.)

Sec. 124. Appropriations for parking areas; initiation of projects.

[Sec. 123. Appropriations for parking areas.]

(a) The Town may make appropriations for, and provide out of the general fund and through borrowing, funds to pay the cost of the acquisition and improvement of parking areas, whether or not any part of such cost is to be reimbursed to the Town as hereinafter provided, and may allot such funds in the manner hereinafter provided.

(S.A. 177 § 2, 1957.)

[Sec. 124. Initiation of projects.]

(b) If in the judgment of the Board of Selectmen it is necessary to acquire or improve any area for the public parking of vehicles, it shall submit to the Board of Estimate and Taxation plans showing the area to be acquired or improved, together with a request for an allotment from funds appropriated for this purpose to meet the estimated cost of acquisition or improvement and, if necessary, an application for the appropriation of such funds as may be required for any such allotment.

(S.A. 177 § 3, 1957.)

Sec. 128. Acquisition of real property; procedure.

(a) After funds have been appropriated and allotted for the acquisition of any area for public parking, the **Director of Parking Services** [Commissioner of Public Works] may acquire such area by negotiation and, upon authorization of the Representative Town Meeting, may apply to the Condemnation Commission appointed under the provisions of Section 157 hereof, hereinafter called "the Commission," for the condemnation of such real property required for such purpose and for an assessment of damages. The Commission shall not take by eminent domain, for the purposes of this Article, any property of a corporation which has the right of eminent domain. This Article shall not affect the powers of eminent domain of such corporation.

(b) The Commission shall notify all persons claiming interest in such real property of a hearing on such proposed taking, notice of which shall be given to such persons at least ten (10) days before such hearing by leaving copies of such notice with them or at their places of abode in the Town, if they reside therein, or, if they do not reside in the Town, by registered or certified mail addressed to their last-known addresses, and by publication in a newspaper published or having circulation in the Town at least ten (10) days before such hearing. After such hearing the Commission shall determine whether or not such taking is necessary and, upon finding that it is necessary, shall determine and assess damages resulting from such taking and shall file in the office of the Town Clerk a certificate as to its determination of such necessity of taking and shall therein designate by number each lot or parcel taken, the owner thereof, if known, and the damages assessed in each instance.

(c) The Commission, within five (5) days after the filing of the certificate, shall give written notice of such determination of necessity and assessment and the amount thereof in each case to each person claiming interest in each lot or parcel taken, addressed to him at his last-known post-office address, and by publishing in a newspaper published or having circulation in the Town, within five (5) days after such filing, a notice of the filing in the office of the Town Clerk of the certificate of necessity and assessment of damages. Upon the filing of such certificate, title to the real property to be acquired shall vest in the Town.

(d) The assessment of damages shall be deemed final and conclusive upon such filing, without other notice to any person, subject to the right of appeal as provided in Section 149 hereof. The Town shall pay the amounts thus assessed to the persons claiming interest in each lot or parcel upon acceptance thereof. After the Town obtains title to real property acquired for public parking, the **Director of Parking Services** [Commissioner of Public Works] shall **cause** [improve] the same **to be improved** for public parking of vehicles after the allotment of funds therefor as herein provided.

(S.A. 177 § 7, 1957.)

Sec. 129. Certification of cost of acquisition or improvements.

(a) The **Director of Parking Services** [Commissioner of Public Works] shall advise the Comptroller when such public parking areas have been acquired or improved. The Comptroller shall thereupon compute and ascertain the total cost of acquisition or improvement thereof. In such total cost shall be included all expenses in connection with the acquisition of land, buildings, easements and other property, or in the improvement thereof, all sums paid by the Town to surveyors, engineers, architects, inspectors, attorneys and other persons in connection therewith, the cost of any work done by the Town, all expenses in connection with any assessment of benefits, and the interest on notes or bonds issued by the Town, or on funds advanced by the Town at a rate not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, to pay the expense of such acquisition or improvement computed to the time at which the first installment of any assessment or tax becomes due, but not in excess of four (4) years interest.

(b) The Comptroller shall certify such total cost. The part of such cost which has been determined shall be assessed or taxed against the property within a parking district in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Where such cost is to be assessed, such certification shall be to the Condemnation Commission, and where such cost is to be taxed, such certification shall be to the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

(S.A. 177 § 8, 1957.)

Sec. 142. Parking Fund; use.

(a) A separate fund shall be established and maintained by the Town to account for:

- (1) All amounts appropriated by the Town for the **Department of Parking Services** operation and maintenance of public parking areas and all amounts allotted by the Town for the acquisition and improvement of public parking areas;
 - (2) All amounts collected as parking assessments, including interest;

- (3) All taxes levied under the provisions of this Article, including interest;
 - (4) All parking revenues;
 - (5) The proceeds of all notes and bonds issued under this Article; and
 - (6) All interest received on moneys in this Fund.
- (b) The amounts received shall be used:
 - (1) For the acquisition or improvement of public parking areas;
- (2) To reimburse the Town for any amounts advanced from the general fund for such purposes to the extent of funds not contributed by the Town for such purposes;
 - (3) To pay the **Department of Parking Services** expenses of operation and maintenance of the parking areas; and
 - (4) To pay the principal of and interest on any notes and bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

(c) An allotment for any such acquisition or improvement shall continue in force until the cost thereof has been certified by the Comptroller. At that time the unencumbered balance of any such allotment shall be returned to the unappropriated surplus of the Parking Fund.

(S.A. 177 § 21, 1957; as amended by RTM. 9/9/57.)

Sec. 143. Regulations and enforcement. [Maintenance and operation of parking facilities.] [The Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to maintain public off-street automobile parking facilities acquired and improved under this Article] Reasonable regulations for the orderly use of **the public parking areas** [such facilities], including the payment of reasonable fees for [the] use **and fines for violation** thereof, may be prescribed by the Selectmen. [and shall be enforced by the Police Department.] **Personnel of the Department of Parking Services, designated by the Director as Parking Control Officers and sworn to perform such duties before the Board of Selectmen, shall have authority to issue notices of violation of parking regulations of the Town as shall the Police Department and such other authorized officials as may be designated by the Selectmen.** (S.A. 177 § 22, 1957.)(as amended by RTM 9/13/76.)

Sec. 144. Entry upon property.

The Selectmen, **Director of Parking Services**, the Commissioner of Public Works, members of the **Condemnation** Commission and their respective agents, engineers and surveyors and such other persons as may be necessary to enable them to perform their duties **under this Article are authorized to enter upon any property for the purpose** of making surveys, examinations or investigations and preparing maps, and for such other purposes as may be necessary in the performance of their duties under this Article.

(S.A. 177 § 23, 1957.)

Sec. 145. Parking revenue collection equipment [meters]; revenues.

(a) For purposes of traffic control and to provide adequate parking both on and off street, **the Department of Parking Services upon approval of the Board of Selectmen** shall have authority to acquire parking **revenue collection equipment** [meters] by purchase or lease, upon such terms as to the Board shall **approve as** [seem] best, and to install, maintain, repair and operate such parking **revenue collection equipment** [meters] on such public highways within the Town and parking lots and other areas owned by the Town which to the Board shall **approve as** [seem] necessary, and to establish such rates in the operation of any such **equipment** [meters] in furtherance of the purposes above set forth which to the Board shall **approve as** [seem] proper.

(b) Parking [meter] revenues **from such equipment** shall first be used to pay the cost of acquiring, operating, maintaining and repairing the parking [meters] **revenue collection equipment** and any surplus shall be used **as parking revenue pursuant to this Article**. [to pay other expenses in aid of traffic control, including the acquisition and operation of other parking and traffic control devices and the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of parking lots or other off-street parking areas]
(S.A. 177 ; i 24, 1957.)

Sec. 150. Department of Public Works; Commissioner's powers and duties; Deputy.

(a) There shall be a Department of Public Works under the direction and control of the First Selectman. The head of the Department shall be the Commissioner of Public Works, who shall have charge of all matters involved in the construction, development and maintenance of the physical properties of the Town, except the design and maintenance of school property and property under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation **and Department of Parking Services**. He shall be the Town Engineer and shall be a civil engineer and experienced in the management of engineering and construction projects, including such projects as are involved in municipal engineering.

(b) The functions of the Department of Public Works shall be distributed under the Commissioner of Public Works among divisions and offices which shall include the divisions of highways, sewers building construction and maintenance, and recycling and waste collection and disposal. Subject to the direction of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commissioner of Public Works shall have charge of the physical planning and development of the Town as a whole. The Commissioner of Public Works shall, subject to the provisions of this Article, have all the powers and duties formerly conferred and imposed by law upon the Superintendent of Highways, and all the powers and duties formerly conferred and imposed by law upon the Sewer Commissioners, except such powers and duties as relate to the collection of taxes and assessments.

(c) The Commissioner of Public Works shall be the Town's chief technical adviser in all matters involved in the physical development of the Town and the design and construction of its physical plan. All construction of public buildings and other public improvements of the Town, including repairs and reconstruction, shall be done according to plans prepared or approved by the Commissioner of Public Works, and be subject to his supervision and acceptance, provided the Board of Education [and], the Department of Parks and Recreation **and the Department of**

Parking Services have supervision and control over the design of buildings under their jurisdiction.

(d) There shall be a Deputy Commissioner of Public Works who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works with the prior approval of the Selectmen. Said Deputy Commissioner shall have the same qualifications as the Commissioner of Public Works. In the absence or disability of the Commissioner of Public Works or if the office becomes vacant for any reason, the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Commissioner of Public Works for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days or for such longer period as the Selectmen may determine. The salary of the Deputy Commissioner shall be fixed by the Town on the recommendation of the Board of Estimate and Taxation in the same manner as other appropriations are determined.

(S.A. 444, § 27, 1939; as amended by RTM 4/27/1970; RTM 4/10/1972; as amended by RTM 4/12/1976; RTM 12/10/1990; RTM 1/17/1995.)

Sec. 217. First Selectman; powers and duties.

(a) All administrative functions relative to police, fire, highways, sewers and other public works, building inspection, parks, recreation, law, **parking services**, fleet management and purchasing for such purposes, shall be divided, under the supervision and control of the First Selectman, among administrative departments which shall include the Department of Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Law, **Parking Services** and Fleet Maintenance. The First Selectman shall have the supervision and control, and shall be responsible for the administration, of all the affairs of the Town in respect to such departments, and may fix and determine the internal organization of such departments, the number and kinds of offices and positions, the methods of procedure and, subject to appropriation as otherwise provided by law, the rates of compensation.

(b) First Selectman and board of selectmen. The First Selectman shall be the chief executive officer of the town and the town agent and shall devote his full time to the duties of his office. The two selectmen other than the First Selectman who are elected as provided in this act shall, together with the First Selectman, constitute the board of selectmen. The First Selectman shall chair the board of selectmen. The First Selectman shall hold at least one meeting each month with the other selectmen for the purpose of keeping them generally informed of the business of the town. Upon five days' written notice to the First Selectman, either of the two selectmen may place an item on the agenda of a meeting, which item shall be germane to the duties and responsibilities of the board of selectmen. Minutes of such meetings shall be taken and made available for public inspection. The First Selectman shall designate one of the other selectmen to act in his place and stead during his absence. Such Selectman when so acting shall have all of the powers and duties of the First Selectman.

(c) Compensation of First Selectman and selectmen. The First Selectman shall be paid a salary appropriate for the chief executive officer and town agent, and the other two selectmen shall be paid salaries commensurate with their duties and responsibilities, but the salary of each of the two selectmen shall be no less than ten percent of the salary of the First Selectman, subject to the approval of appropriations by the Representative Town Meeting pursuant to Section 23 of

the Charter. Provision for such salaries shall be included in the budget report submitted annually by the First Selectman to the board of estimate and taxation.

(S.A. 444 § 23, 1939; as amended by S.A. 71 § 1, 1955; RTM, 4/27/1970; RTM, 3/13/1972.)(Char. Rev. 11/4/1975, eff. 1/1/1978.)(RTM, 1/21/1985.)(Board of Selectmen 9/17/1997.)

Sec. 238. Traffic Authority; penalties.

The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Police Commission, shall have authority by ordinance to provide that any person, firm or corporation violating any ordinance or by-law, or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, relating to traffic or parking in the Town, shall be fined such amount as may be specified therein, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). In any case involving a vehicle parked in violation of any such prohibition or restriction of parking, a police officer **or such other official sworn to perform such duties by the Board of Selectmen** shall serve upon the operator of the vehicle, by delivering to him personally, or by attaching to such vehicle, a notice **of parking violation** directing such operator to **pay the fine authorized by ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation** [appear at police headquarters] within such time as may be specified in such **notice**. [ordinance and there exhibit the notice and his operator's license.]

When any person receives such notice, he may comply therewith and pay to the Town, at **the Department of Parking Services** [police headquarters,] such sum [not exceeding Five Dollars (\$5.00)] as may be specified in such [ordinance and] notice, and that no summons or warrant for arrest shall be issued for any such violation prior to the expiration of such period, nor thereafter, if such operator has complied with such notice and paid the sum within the period.

(S.A. 406 § 3, 1953.)

(additions **bold**; deletions within [brackets])

The foregoing proposal for home rule action requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Representative Town Meeting.

H. Franklin Bloomer, chairman of the Land Use Committee, made a motion on behalf of the committee, to amend the resolution in Sec 122(a) as follows:

In the last sentence of the paragraph, the wording "in such manner as the First Selectman may prescribe" should be deleted there and inserted at the beginning of that sentence. So the last sentence should read " In such manner as the First Selectman may prescribe the Department of Parking Services shall assist the Board of Selectmen, Board of Estimate and Taxation, Condemnation Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission and Representative Town Meeting in carrying out their responsibilities under this Article.

The motion was adopted upon unanimous consent.

Douglas Wells, chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend Item No. 11 as follows:

In Sec 145 (a), in the fourth, sixth and eighth lines delete "to" just prior to the words "the Board".

In Sec 217 (a) in the third line and sixth line change the word "Maintenance" to "Management".

In Sec 217 (c) in the fourth line change the word “no” to “not”.

The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Douglas Wells, **on behalf of** the Board of Selectmen, made a motion, to amend Item No. 11 in Sec. 145 (b) to delete the **bold** wording and insert the wording in brackets.

The vote was now on the Wells motion to amend.

In Favor	-	47
Against	-	110
Abstentions	-	17

Amendment Lost

Pamela Frederick, chairman of the Finance Committee, made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend Item No. 11 in Sec. 144, at the end of the sentence, add the wording “pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 835 Sec. 48-13.

The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Alan Small of District 10 made a motion to amend Item No. 11 by adding some wording to the last paragraph.

The foregoing proposal for home rule action upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Representative Town Meeting be sent to the Selectmen for the creation of a Charter Revision Commission under 7-188 to review and report on the proposal, and for its placement on a referendum ballot, followed by approval at a referendum, requiring, if at a regular election, a vote of a majority of the electors voting therein.

For the reason stated upon ruling on the same motion regarding Item No. 10, the Moderator ruled that the amendment was not in legal order. Mr. Small appealed the ruling of the chair, which was seconded.

The Appeal Failed

The vote was now on Item No. 11 as amended.

In Favor	-	109
Against	-	55
Abstentions	-	9

Item Lost

(did not receive an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership)

The Moderator announced that Item No. 12 on the call was now before the meeting.

Town Administrator Ed Gomeau offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 12.

RESOLVED, that Article 15 of the Town of Greenwich Charter be amended to include the following section:

Sec. 217A. Town Administrator

(a) There shall be a Town Administrator. The Town Administrator shall be qualified in the administration and management of town or city government as evidenced by his/her experience and education. The Town Administrator shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the First Selectman. The Town Administrator shall be an employee at will and may be removed from office by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the First Selectman.

The Town Administrator shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of those departments and operations under the supervision of the First Selectman. The Town Administrator shall coordinate the Annual Budget Process for the First Selectman. The Town Administrator may perform other duties as assigned by the First Selectman.

(b) The compensation of the Town Administrator shall be set by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the First Selectman. The First Selectman shall evaluate the performance of the Town Administrator annually. Such evaluation shall become a permanent part of the Town Administrator's personnel file.

(additions **bold**; deletions within [brackets])

The foregoing proposal for home rule action requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Representative Town Meeting, followed by approval at a referendum requiring, if at a regular election, a vote of a majority of the electors voting therein.

Robert Tuthill of District 3 made a motion the suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up a motion to postpone the item in the middle of the committee reports.

The vote was now on the motion to suspend the rules.

In Favor	-	103
Against	-	53
Abstentions	-	0

Motion Lost
(did not receive a two thirds majority)

Gerald Porricelli of District 12 made a motion, which was seconded, to postpone Item No. 12 to the June meeting.

Motion Lost

Erford Porter, II of District 6 made a motion, which was seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Lost

The vote was now on Item No. 12.

In Favor	-	74
Against	-	66
Abstentions	-	1

Item Lost

(Did not receive an affirmative vote of a majority of the membership)

Robert Tuthill of District 3 made a motion, which was seconded, to postpone Items 13 and 14 until the June meeting.

Motion Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, upon unanimous consent at 12:05A.M.

ATTEST: CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK