



Pursuant to the foregoing notice the Annual Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderator's Hall of Central Middle School and also via Zoom Webinar on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 8:00 P.M. (D.S.T.)

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Alexis Voulgaris.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag, led by our two Information Technology Professionals, Jenny Larkin and Craig Jones.

Jacqueline A. Budkins, Town Clerk swore in a new member in District 8 – Samuelle “Sammie” Terese Lazar Jacobs.

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.

Attendance cards were presented showing 210 present, 19 absent and 1 vacancy. District 2, 5 & 7 had perfect attendance.

Those absent in **District 1** – Jillian C. Aufderheide, Alison W. Ghiorse; **District 3** – Thomas P. Conelias, Joan F. Lowe; **District 4** – J. Robert Tuthill; **District 6** – Daniel Izzo, John M. Merrill; **District 8** – Hector E. Arzeno, Adele Carroll, M. Irene Dietrich, Hannah P. Doherty, Janet Lee McMahon; **District 9** – Carl Griffasi, Abbe F. Large; **District 10** – Ramya T. Hopley; **District 11** – Nerlyn G. Pierson, Michael Spilo; **District 12** – Paula Legere-Mickley, Miriam Mennin.

Those members attending in person in **District 1** – Lynn B. Garelick, Lihong Zhang; **District 2** – Katherine L. LoBalbo, Pragati Soni, Henry Scott Walter; **District 3** – Steven P. Rubin; **District 4** – Lucy von Brachel; **District 5** – Joseph H. Benoit, Jr., Paul E. Kramer, Lindy M. Lilien, Felice “Felix” Rovelli, Martha Ozizmir Shoemaker, Andrew B. Taylor, Catherine L. Whitaker; **District 6** – Thomas J. Byrne, Robert W. Carter, Kathleen S. “Kathy” Smith, David P. Snyder, Alexis Voulgaris; **District 7** – Debbie L. Appelbaum, Kimberly Morgan Blank, Lucia D. Jansen, Anthony James Moor, Valerie Stauffer; **District 8** – Kathleen M. Myer, Mary M. “Molly” Saleeby; **District 9** – Michael P. Brescia, Donna F. Gaudioso-Zeale, Brian J. Malin, Lauren B. O’Keefe, Jonathan R. Shankman; **District 10** – P. Jude Collins, W. Brooks Harris; **District 11** – Nancy M. Better, Victoria C. Bostock, Thomas M. Devaney, Richard J. Neuman, David E. Oliver, Ralph E. Penny, Ronald G. Strackbein; **District 12** – Thomas Agresta, David de Milhau, Barbara Galton Hindman, Frederick R. Lorthioir, Robert T. May.

All other members present attended via Zoom.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. She asked if there were any corrections or comments. There being none, minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Valerie Stauffer, Member of District 7 offered the following tribute to the late Marie J. Herzig.

Whereas Representative Town Meeting District 7 members wish to recognize the life and contributions of Marie Jacobus Hertzig, I am giving a brief memorial of her many contributions to the citizens of Greenwich.

I first became acquainted with Marie when she was elected to District Seven where she served for sixteen years. She was chair of our district and was also the first woman to serve as chair of the Cost Containment Committee. Perhaps no surprise to current RTM members, that committee, now known as the Budget Overview Committee, was, considered a hotbed of controversy. Marie is remembered as a firecracker activist seeking cuts in all budgets but also recognized as a lovely and inspirational leader. She developed the budgeting process adopted and used now by all RTM committees

Marie went from high school in New Jersey to Duke University where she sang in the University Chapel Choir and graduated in 1964 with a major in English literature. She earned a PhD in that field from the University of Pennsylvania where she later taught freshman English.

After her marriage to Mel Hertzig, the couple moved to Greenwich where they raised their three daughters. Combining her love of education and her involvement with local schools, she served as President of the Glenville PTA and President of the Greenwich Association for the Public Schools.

She served for thirty years as President of the Greenwich Scholarship Association that over these decades has distributed more than \$16 million to thousands of Greenwich students. In 2003, she received the prestigious YWCA Spirit of Greenwich Award honoring volunteers in our community.

She is survived by daughters Catherine Holden of Greenwich and Karin Geller and Kristin Hertzig of Ipswich, MA and son-in-laws and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church in May and gifts in her memory may be made to the Greenwich Scholarship Association for Marie's Scholars.

Could our members have a few moments of silence in memory of Marie.

The membership observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Marie J. Hertzig.

Cheryl A. Moss, Chairman of District 8 offered the following tribute to the late Debbie Berner.

I rise today to offer a tribute to District 8's dear Debbie Berner who passed away March 8, 2022.

Born in 1941 in Flushing, Queens, Debbie and Gary Berner shared 56 years of marriage, 54 of which they lived and raised a family in the town of Greenwich.

Debbie earned her undergraduate degree alongside her twin sister, Lynn, from the University of Buffalo, and then went on to earn a Master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University. It was during this time that she met Gary at an Upper East Side bar. The couple married near Debbie's childhood home in Bayside, then moved to Riverside, Connecticut where they welcomed two sons. The family eventually settled in Cos Cob on a cul-de-sac on Dandy Drive, where Debbie enjoyed her flourishing garden and the Berner boys played street hockey, often with their mother as an eager participant. Debbie often lamented the fact that league sports were not available to girls during her own childhood, despite being a more-than-proficient player in the many contests on the sandlots and backstreets of Bayside.

She was the perfect "Sports Mom", cheering on her boys during their hockey and baseball games. Later in life, she continued her support as a proud Grandma, never missing her grandchildren's sporting events, recitals, theatrical performances, confirmations and graduations, and often traveled across the country to do so.

Debbie was an active citizen and devoted her time to many civic and cultural causes, both professionally and as a volunteer. Professionally, Debbie followed in her parents' footsteps and devoted much of her life to teaching. In addition to her 29 years as an educator for 4-year-olds at First Church Preschool of Greenwich, she worked at Stamford Hospital as an operating room coordinator for 15 years. In her personal time, she was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, over the years serving as a Sunday School teacher, Choir member, Deacon, Cherub Choir Pianist, care-giver with the Stephen Ministry, member of the Hats Off Book Club, and more. The Church was the center of her community life, where performing in the annual Messiah concert was the highlight of her holiday season. An equally active member of the civic community in the Town of Greenwich, Debbie served as an RTM member for 7 years as

the delegate for Health and Human Services, and was a fierce advocate for Nathaniel Witherell where she played piano for seniors. She was a docent at the Bruce Museum, a volunteer at the River House Adult Day Center and a gardener at the Montgomery Pinetum greenhouse, devoting much time to the Greenwich Botanical Center and Pinetum where she walked every day.

In her retirement years, Debbie gleefully traveled the globe in the company of friends, and often with her beloved twin sister, Lynn. During all of these travels, Debbie loved to visit museums, stroll, bike, and kayak; she famously earned a cheeky reputation for her complete disregard of alpine-lake water temperatures or beach currents! She also cherished her time in Sun Valley, Idaho; hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and attending the Sun Valley Symphony concerts. An avid reader, Debbie loved learning about her surroundings wherever she was, and she had a genuine sense of inquisitiveness that was always accompanied by her easy smile, vibrant blue eyes, and her gentle speaking voice.

Rest In Peace, sweet Debbie!

Let us observe a moment of silence for Debbie Berner.

The membership observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Debbie Berner.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 10 had been withdrawn.

10. RESOLVED, that the sum of \$122,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to account A205-51100 Payment for Overtime Services.

Pursuant to the RTM Rules, the Moderator designated that the following items be placed on the consent calendar – 1 – 9 & 11.

The items on the Consent Calendar are as follows:

1. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Board of Health (R1) for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

MARYANN RAMOS

2. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of

Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Commission on Aging (R4) for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

STEVEN KATZ

3. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Harbor Management Commission (R5) for a term beginning upon appointment and expiring March 31, 2025.

JAMES 'TY' ANDERSON

4. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an Alternate Member of the Harbor Management Commission (A1) for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

EDWARD KELLER

5. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees (R1) for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

WILLIAM FINGER

6. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees (R2) for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

SALLY BEDNAR

7. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees (R3) for a term expiring March 31, 2024.

W. BROOKS HARRIS

8. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees (R4) for a term expiring March 31, 2024.

ANTHONY CICHETTI

9. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees (R5) for a term expiring March 31, 2025.

ROMULO SAMANIEGO

11. RESOLVED, that the sum of \$9,870 be and the same is hereby appropriated to account A206-54200 Maintenance of Machinery.

The vote was now on the Consent Calendar.

In Favor	-	187
Against	-	3
Abstentions	-	18

Items Carried

(Although the vote announced at the meeting was 187-3-20 it was discovered after the adjournment of the meeting that a check mark was erroneously placed next to the name of two members who were absent.)

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

Charles Lubowicki, Assistant Fire Chief, offered the following substitute resolution, regarding Item No. 12 which was duly moved and seconded.

12. RESOLVED, that the sum of \$114,662 be and the same is hereby appropriated to account A207-54050 Maintenance of Building Systems.

The vote was now on the Item No. 12.

In Favor	-	202
Against	-	5
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 13 on the Call was now before the meeting.

Sean O’Keefe, Chief Operating Officer of the Greenwich Public Schools, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 13 which was duly moved and seconded.

13. RESOLVED, that the Maintenance Agreement [Agreement No. 12.22-01(21)] and Encroachment Permit between the Town and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation allowing for the reconstruction of the access road for Cardinal Stadium and Planting Plan are hereby approved and the First Selectmen and/or Director of School Facilities for the Board of Education are hereby authorized to execute such Maintenance Agreement and Encroachment Permit in the form attached in the Explanatory Comments of the Call of this meeting.

Frederick Lee, Jr., Chairman of District 1, offered a motion to postpone Item No. 13 to the June 13, 2022 meeting.

The vote was now on the District 1 Motion.

In Favor	-	52
Against	-	155
Abstentions	-	6

Motion Failed

(Although the vote announced at the meeting was 51-155-6, it was discovered after the adjournment of the meeting that there was a tabulation error in the “yes” votes)

The vote was now on the Item No. 13.

In Favor	-	176
Against	-	26
Abstentions	-	2

Item Carried

(Although the vote announced at the meeting was 167-35-2, it was discovered after the adjournment of the meeting that there was a tabulation error where “yes” votes were erroneously entered in the “no” vote column of the tabulation sheet)

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 9:20 P.M.

ATTEST:
JACQUELINE A. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK

