



Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderator's Hall of Central Middle School on Monday, April 14, 2003 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.)

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

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Attendance cards were presented showing 162 present, 66 absent and 1 vacancy.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the March 10, 2003 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He noted a correction on page 7. The motion that Mr. Richardson made was not on behalf of the Health & Human Services Committee, but was a motion by an individual to reduce Item No. 9. The minutes, as amended, were approved by unanimous consent.

Dean Goss, chairman of District 1, offered the following resolution recognizing the service and contributions of the late Fred Sibley.

"I like it here". With those words Fred Sibley passed from this world.

Fred had a love of life. He lived it. And he shared it. It is doubtful that he ever did anything just for himself.

It might be said that his life was a series of love affairs. With people, with ideas and with things.

As a boy he found Camp Woodstock. It had a hand in nurturing and shaping him. He attended camp until his young 20's- as a camper, as a counselor and as a leader. His service to the camp continued throughout his life. He was a member of its Board of Directors until his death.

He knew early in life that he was to be a salesman. He started with magazines and during one early year he sold over 400 copies of a cookbook in what was a small town.

In junior high school he met Doris. Their courtship extended over several years and led to a marriage that lasted over 50 years. Together they raised a family of 5 lively youngsters.

He was a member of Columbia University's class of 1952.

Upon graduation he joined the Dow-Jones Corporation as an advertising salesman and there he remained until retirement in 1992. Over the years he was with the Wall Street Journal, Barrons, the National Observer and the Book Digest. At various times he held the title of Director of Advertising and Manager of Special Projects. After retirement he served a 4 year stint as Archivist for the corporation.

He came to Greenwich in 1966 and joined the RTM in 1977. Almost from the first he was a member of the Appointments Committee. He was its chair for several years. He also served on the Traffic Committee.

There was never a doubt of where Fred stood on an issue. He would debate-he would argue-he would expound. As passionate as he might be in argument he was never

snide, he would never belittle, he was never nasty in any way. One of our members said it best when she said “there was not a mean bone in his body”.

He loved the RTM. It’s role in town government, how it was constituted, and never did he feel that its size was a hindrance to effective government. Indeed he felt that its size was the best way to represent the town’s citizenry.

He became a Justice of the Peace in 1996. He took a special joy in performing weddings. His services were formal but simple. Nothing perfunctory but something that would stay in the memory of the couple involved. Somewhere there exists a journal wherein he kept a record on each of these services.

Fred was an active member of Christ Church. Never more so than when the future of the Tomes-Higgins House came into question. He was a leader in the fight to preserve and renovate this historic structure.

Fred loved music. He was an accomplished piano player. He played entirely by ear- he could not read music. He had a special love of the big band music of the 30’s and 40’s. Rarely would he fail to identify a tune and the band playing it.

Fred would not think of himself as a teacher. But in many important ways he was. He showed us how a life can be full of joy and at the same time bring joy to all around him. He shared himself in all he did- it was his way. And he wanted others to share themselves, not so much with him but with all those others with whom they came in contact.

Fred’s love of life was infectious. If that is the right way to put it then we can only hope that we all have to some extent be infected.

Gone will be his debate- timing hourglass.

Gone will be the ever-present camcorder.

Fred left us saying that “I like it here”.

And We loved having him.

The resolution was passed unanimously with the members standing for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Sibley.

The Moderator announced that Items No. 4 & 8 had been withdrawn.

The Moderator suggested a motion to suspend the rules and combine items 1,2,5,7,9-17,19,21,23,24 and to consider separately items 3,6,18,20,22,25,26.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that the combined items were now before the meeting.

Susan Steck, Director of Adult and Family Services, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 1.

RESOLVED, that the Town Of Greenwich accept several gifts to the Department of Social Services in the amount of \$4,957.58 for the Greenwich Youth Conservation Project.

Adrienne Singer, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolutions, which were duly moved and seconded, regarding Items No. 2,5,7,9,19,11,12,13,14,15 & 16.

2. 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 3/31/06.

MILES F. McDONALD

5. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Commission on Aging for a term expiring 3/31/06.

BETTY HAUPTMAN

7. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/08.

CHRISTOPHER HOLBROOK

9. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an alternate member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/04.

ANNE MALETTA

10. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 3/31/05.

LAWRENCE PERRY

11. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 3/31/04.

WILLIAM J. GREMP

12. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/06.

WILLIAM R. FINGER

13. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/04.

KATHY HARSANY

14. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/06.

BERNADETTE SETTELMAYER

15. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/06.

SUSAN A. WEISS

16. **RESOLVED**, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/06.

PATRICIA GEISMAR

Police Chief James Walters offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 17.

RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Police Department accept a no-match grant in the amount of \$10,000 from Purdue Pharma Technologies and the same amount to be appropriated to budget line item Code 220-51100 (Grants).

Peter Madden, Director of Nathaniel Witherell, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 19.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$25,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the account number identified below:

45055-53700 Building & Construction Material \$25,000

Coline Jenkins-Sahlin, chairman of the Appointments Committee, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 21.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the RTM Appointments Committee, be appointed an alternate member of the RTM Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring 12/31/03

JAMES BOUTELLE

Adrienne Singer, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 23 and a substitute resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 24.

23. **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 3/31/06.**

PAUL C. SETTELMAYER

Substitute resolution

24. **RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town to accept a grant in the amount of \$175,000 from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to conduct an Expansion Feasibility Study for the Bruce Museum.**

The vote was now on the combined items.

In Favor	-	158
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	2

Items Carried

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

Adrienne Singer, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 3.

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 3/31/06

ROBERT S. CURTIS

Mark Dawson, chairman of the Town Services Committee, made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to postpone this item until the June 2003 meeting.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 6 on the call was now before the meeting.

Adrienne Singer, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 6.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Commission on Aging for a term expiring 3/31/06.

ALAN S. BERK

Robert Richardson, chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to postpone this item until the June 2003 meeting.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 18 on the call was now before the meeting.

Alfred Cava, Director of Human Resources, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 18.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$23,375 for the fiscal year 2000/01, the sum of \$28,538 for the fiscal year 2001/02, the sum of \$29,453 for the fiscal year 2002/03 be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry out the terms of the labor settlement between the Town of Greenwich and Greenwich Public Health Nurses' Association, Local 1303-222, Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich hereby approves such provisions of the labor settlement, if any, which may be in conflict with any charter provision, special act, ordinance, rule or regulation of the Town of Greenwich within the meaning of Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-474 (c).

The vote was now on Item No. 18.

In Favor	-	157
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	2

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 20 on the call was now before the meeting.

Marcos Madrid, Commissioner of Public Works, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 20.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$509,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to account numbers as follows:

Public Works – Highway Division, A312-51100, Overtime:	\$110,000
Public Works – Highway Division, A312-51300, Temp Services:	72,000
Public Works – Highway Division, A312-52300, Equip Rental:	60,000
Public Works – Highway Division, A312-53750, Hwy Materials:	255,000
Public Works – Bd. of Education, A315-52300, Equip Rental:	12,000

The vote was now on Item No. 18.

In Favor	-	158
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 22 on the call was now before the meeting.

Coline Jenkins-Sahlin, chairman of the Appointments Committee, offered the following resolution regarding Item No. 22.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the RTM Appointments Committee, be appointed an Alternate member of the RTM Labor Contracts Committee for a term expiring 12/31/03

KEVIN BROGAN

The vote was now on Item No. 22.

In Favor	-	157
Against	-	0
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 25 on the call was now before the meeting.

Fred Baker, Director of Operations for the Board of Education, offered the following substitute resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 25.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$646,900 be and the same is hereby appropriated in the “RESERVED FOR CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING FUND” – Z6801592 59560 23170 Western Middle School Auditorium Renovations.

The Moderator requested an opinion of the Law Department staff and based on the opinion of Assistant Town Attorney Eugene McLaughlin, the Moderator did not accept the substitute resolution on the ground that it was now in legal order. The RTM may not increase the amount of an appropriation approved by the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

The resolution as it appeared in the call was duly moved and seconded.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$546,900 be and the same is hereby appropriated in the “RESERVED FOR CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING FUND” – Z6801592 59560 23170 Western Middle School Auditorium Renovations.

Kevin Brogan of District 2 moved the previous question, which was seconded.

Motion Carried

The vote was now on Item No. 25.

In Favor	-	149
Against	-	2
Abstentions	-	8

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 26 on the call was now before the meeting.

Town Planner Diane Fox offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 26.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$ 921,800 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund to be added to account number 312-961 Sidewalks .

Robert Kavee of District 12 made a motion to amend the resolution by adding wording – “subject to conditions” so the resolution would read as follows:

RESOLVED, that, subject to the conditions listed below, the sum of \$921,800 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund to be added to Account No. 312-961 Sidewalks.

1. The Town of Greenwich receives the grant under the Surface Transportation program-therefore the Town of Greenwich Will Be obligated for \$184,360.

2. Planning & Zoning Commission approve a Byram Neighborhood Enhancement Plan prior to receipt of such grant to the Town of Greenwich

3. The Capital Improvements Program Committee take the Byram Plan and convert the Improvement Plan recommendations to a series of projects and put them into the CIP 10-15 concept plan.

The Moderator ruled the motion not in legal order because the RTM can not add conditions to resolutions.

Mr. Kavee then made a motion, which was seconded, to reduce the amount of the appropriation to \$184,360.

The vote was now on Mr. Kavee's motion to reduce.

In Favor	-	10
Against	-	128
Abstentions	-	2

Motion Lost

Roger Lourie of District 7 moved the previous question,

Motion Carried

Carl G.R. Carlson, Jr. of District 1 made a motion to postpone this item until the June 2003 meeting. There was no second to the motion.

The vote was now Item No. 26.

In Favor	-	125
Against	-	10
Abstentions	-	3

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 10:40 P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK