

**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Cone Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Committee

Present: Marc V. Johnson, Chairman, Jeffrey S. Ramer, Leslie L. Tarkington  
Mary Lee Kiernan,

Board: Michael Mason, BET Chairman, William Drake, William Finger, Sean Goldrick,  
Randall Huffman, Arthur Norton, Nancy Weissler

Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Geiger, Budget Director; Denise Savageau,  
Director Conservation Commission; Ahmad Aamina, Assistant Town Attorney;  
Greg Hannigan, Director of General Services Greenwich Police Department, Lt.  
John Brown, Greenwich Police Department; Kevin McCarthy, Director Perrot  
Library

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 6:31 P.M.

**Requests for Budget Adjustments**

<u>PS-1</u>	<u>Parking Services</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
\$38,000	G219 52300	Snow Removal

Mr. Geiger noted that snow removal services were provided by DPW, and occasionally outsourced to private contractors, however it was appropriate to charge the expense to Parking Services budget.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve this request and forward it to the Board of Estimate & Taxation as a Routine Application.

<u>PL-1</u>	<u>Perrot Library</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
\$20,000	A710 54020	Snow Removal

Mr. McCarthy requested that savings in another budget line item be transferred to cover expenses incurred for extraordinary snow removal this season.

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

<u>PD-4</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Approval to Use</u>
\$21,014	F2131 53550 & F21312 53550	Personal Protective Equipment

Mr. Hannigan requested funds from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account be used to add and replace protective vests with lighter weight materials with extra protection.

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

<u>PD-5</u>	<u>Police</u>	<u>Approval to Use</u>
\$180,623	F21353550 & F21312 53550	Purchase, Install & Train ROV

Lt. Brown requested to use a security grant from FEMA plus supplement 25% of the equipment cost from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund to purchase a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) to be used by the Police Dive Team and FLIR Thermal Navigation, Collision Avoidance, Man-Overboard Recovery, Vessel-in-Distress Detection, Security Patrol and Infrastructure Protection Cameras.

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

<u>CC-2</u>	<u>Conservation</u>	<u>Approval to Use</u>
\$217,088	F172 55400	Hazard Mitigation Grant

Ms. Savageau requested to use FEMA disaster funds, acquired through State grant applications and being disbursed through the State of Connecticut, for elevating a home, located at 7 Grimes Road, Old Greenwich, located in the Flood Zone. There was discussion regarding the FEMA application and reimbursement process for local victims of Superstorm Sandy, how the application will be guided and processed by the Conservation Department, Building Department and First Selectman's Office going forward and the most efficient way for Finance and the BET to review the 26 grant applications still in process.

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

<u>SE-4</u>	<u>First Selectman</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>
XXXX	P935 57350	Settlement Dellavalle v. TOG

### **Executive Session**

Mr. Johnson called for an Executive Session to discuss an additional appropriation of a legal settlement at 7:19 P.M.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 4-0-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:19 P.M.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:39 P.M.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board 4-0-0 to approve a settlement for \$7,500 and forward it to the Board of Estimate & Taxation as a Routine Application.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Report - Status of Current Economic Conditions

Mr. Geiger reported on increased Conveyance Tax and Building Permit revenues. He also commented on FY14 expenses being higher primarily due to higher pension contributions. There were additional discussions on assessed values of properties.

Approval of 7/1/2013 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Actuarial Report

Mr. Johnson proposed postponing to a future BET Budget Committee meeting acceptance of the Boomershine Consulting Group Actuarial Valuation for OPEB until the BET Investment Advisory Committee had the opportunity to review. Mr. Mynarski noted that there was no urgency because TOG's annual contribution had been pre-funded since 2008.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Kiernan the Committee voted 4-0-0 to postpone to a future BET Budget Committee meeting.

Ms. Tarkington recommended that the Budget Committee consider scheduling this as a regular item to be considered in January, prior to work on the next fiscal year budget.

**Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

February Dept. Review Day 3

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2014 – Department Review Day 3 Minutes as corrected.

February 19, 2014 – Capital Budget Review

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Kiernan, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2014 – Department Review Day 1 as corrected.

February 25, 2014 – Consolidation Day

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2014 – Consolidation Day

February 27, 2014 – Decision Day

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2014 – Decision Day

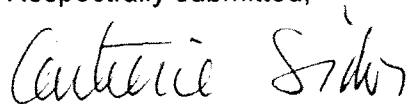
March 6, 2014 – Regular Monthly BET Budget Committee Meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Committee voted 3-0-1 (Kiernan absent) to approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2014 – Regular Monthly BET Budget Committee Meeting

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, by a vote of 4-0-0.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Cone Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



Marc V. Johnson, Chairman