



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 17, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.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.

New members were sworn in prior to the meeting – Daniel E P Quigley in District 1, Ronald F. Carosella in District 4, Brian Peldunas in District 5, and Randy Caravella and Thomas F. McGarrity in District 8.

Attendance cards were presented showing 176 present, 50 absent and 4 vacancies. Those absent in District 1- Gregory Frumin, Ryan C. Oca, Marla M. Weston; District 2- Katherine N LoBalbo; District 3- Thomas P Conelias, Rosalind Nicastro, Steven Rubin; District 4 – William J. Clark, Susan L. McCabe, Brian O'Connor, Josiane M Schaffner-Parnell; District 5- Jason Auerbach, Andreas Duus, III, Delbert G. Eberhardt, Paul A. Olmsted, Patricia H Roberts, Jeffrey B. Sahrbeck; District 6 – Jacqueline K Hammock, Gunnar E Klintberg; District 7- Ellen Brennan-Galvin, Alice B. Duff, Margaret B.G. Freiberg, Donald E. Hamilton, Elizabeth McDaniel; District 8 – Richard J. Margenot, Barry W. Rickert, II, Warren D. Silver; District 9 – Thomas A. Eagan, Jr., Ann P. Fatsi, Donna F. Gaudioso-Zeale; Jayson Podber, Ralph Vizzari, Stephen A Warzoha, Carol A. Zarrilli, Jared L. Zuckerman; District 10 – Granit Balidemaj, Lloyd N. Hull, Lawrence E. Larson, John M. Lucarelli, Nancy H. Marshall, Bertram M. Metter; District 11 – Robert A. Maddux, Jonathan P Redmond, Gregory J. Zorthian; District 12- Thomas E. Bancroft, David deMilhau, Teresa B Ginsberg, Victoria M. Hackman, Samuel T. Telerico, Holly E D Young.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments, there being none, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

The Moderator offered the following tribute to the late Joan Caldwell.

Two weeks ago, we lost a Greenwich icon.

Joan Caldwell died on April 2, 2017. She was in her 52nd year on the RTM, serving the last 22 years as Moderator Pro Tem. I relied completely on Joan to coordinate RTM matters with our Town Clerk, First Selectman, and others in Town Hall as well as to lead numerous initiatives within this body.

Joan was a charter member of our Labor Contracts Committee in the early 1970's and remained a member of that committee until she died. She was the only woman placed on the committee at its inception, one of the many pioneering roles she played as a woman in government in Greenwich.

Joan was a dominant force on the RTM throughout her tenure. She advocated forcefully and eloquently for the causes she supported. You always knew where Joan stood on an issue. Her sole loyalty was to what she thought was in the best interest of the Town. Numerous first selectmen chose Joan to spearhead a variety of projects and committees over her 52 years of public service.

She worked tirelessly in the area of public safety, with a special interest in the Fire Department and its organization.

Joan mentored numerous members of the RTM, particularly members of district 10 which she chaired for over 25 years. [You won't have thumbs up and thumbs down to kick around anymore.]

Joan was devoted to the Town, the RTM, and to her neighbors in district 10. We have lost a great voice and a champion of the Town of Greenwich. I personally have lost a caring friend and someone upon whom I heavily relied to carry out my responsibilities as RTM Moderator.

It is only fitting that this Greenwich legend and female pioneer be properly memorialized. I am grateful to so many who have come up with creative suggestions for such a memorial. I trust we will follow up on those ideas and come up with a lasting memory of Joan. If you are interested in helping make those ideas a reality, kindly contact me so that we can move forward to that end.

I commented at greater length on Joan's life of public service at her funeral. I would be happy to share the text of those comments with anyone who might be interested.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman, offered the following tribute to the late Joan Caldwell.

Joan E. Caldwell was a genuinely Greenwich treasure. I had the pleasure of knowing Joan for 32 years and knew of her for close to 40.

Joan Eleanor Caldwell, while diminutive in stature, was an iconic community leader. Joan exemplified citizen empowerment and civic pride who was guided by her lifelong passion to not only improve the Town she called home but also to improve and protect the quality of life for her fellow residents.

Joan's service to the Town as one of the longest-serving members of the Representative Town Meeting, is truly monumental.

Joan had a simple approach to local government – that whatever the decision, it must provide a benefit to residents. For 52 years, Joan willingly gave of her time to the RTM serving on a myriad of committees and as the Moderator Pro Tempore for two decades.

In one of her last efforts of service, Joan served as Chair of the Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee. Her work with that committee epitomized her approach to all she did – use an even hand, treat people with respect, research, listen and above all, take the high road.

In her Oral History interview with the Greenwich Library – which I strongly suggest you read – Joan was asked to identify what made her a leader. In her inimitable way, Joan

explained, *“I think it’s a characteristic of my personality. It drives me nuts to see something that obviously needs to be done and not at least try to do it.”*

That characteristic came to life back in the 1970s when Joan took the lead in the backcountry to champion opposition to Xerox Corporation’s plans to build its corporate headquarters here in town.

Joan was prescient. Without her stalwart opposition to the project and the ability to gather community support, Greenwich would be, as she said in her oral history interview, *“a different place.”*

In her own words, Joan reminisced about her community service and prevailing over Xerox Corporation’s plan to enter backcountry Greenwich.

“Well, I don’t know, looking back at it, I don’t know where I got the energy. I really don’t. [pause laughs] I don’t know where I got the determination, because there wasn’t a soul that said I would win, but I’d be ‘damned’ if I wasn’t going to fight. And having fought and won, I look back at it and I say I was right. The heavens were with me, and the town is so much better off.”

Yes, Joan, the town is so much better off for your leadership and the heavens are with you.

Her legacy – her dedication to the Town she called home her entire life - is legendary. I think that we all will miss her guidance and her wisdom, I know that I already do.

Gerald Anderson, Member of District 10, offered the following resolution recognizing the service and contributions of the late Joan E. Caldwell.

District 10 asks that you honor the memory of Joan Eleanor Caldwell, one of the longest serving members of the Greenwich RTM.

Joan died April 2nd, 2017 at the age of 85. She was born in Greenwich, educated in the Greenwich Public Schools and was a graduate of Skidmore College as well as earning an MBA from New York University.

She spent most of her adult life as a tireless advocate for the town. Among her many contributions, she led the fight to block Xerox from making a major expansion in our town. She helped keep the Thomas Seaton Reservation under the local control of the Greenwich Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Joan was for many years president of the Northwest Greenwich Homeowner’s Association. She was a leader in Utilize Senior Energy, an organization founded by her late mother. Joan joined the Representative Town Meeting in 1966. She was chair of District 10, chair of the Labor Contracts Committee and for 22 years RTM moderator pro tempore.

She was relied upon by the Moderator, the First Selectmen and many town officials for her advice, organizational skills and problem-solving capability. During Joan’s tenure on the RTM she was asked to chair innumerable special committees. Among her many

honors was the YWCA Spirit of Greenwich Award and the Liberty Bell Award from the Greenwich Bar Association.

Joan was a powerful force for good in Greenwich. We are extremely thankful for Joan=s many contributions of time and talent to our town, to the RTM and to District 10.

Mr. Moderator, we ask that this tribute to Joan Eleanor Caldwell be included in the minutes and that an official copy be sent to her family.

This resolution was passed by unanimous consent with the members standing for a moment of silence in Joan's memory.

Pursuant to the RTM rules, the Moderator designated the following items be placed on the consent calendar- 1, 2 & 3.

The items on the consent calendar are as follows:

1. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be re-appointed as a regular member of the Commission on Aging, for a term expiring 3/31/20.

FRANCIS 'KIP' BURGWEGER. JR.

2. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed a regular member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/22.

STEPHEN L. BISHOP

3. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation, for a term expiring March 31, 2020.

GARY DELL'ABATE

The vote was now on the consent calendar.

In Favor	-	170
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator suggested a motion, which was moved and seconded, to suspend the rules and combine items 6 & 9 for voting purposes. The motion to suspend the rules was approved by voice vote.

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

James Hricay, Managing Director of Operations for Board of Education, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 6.

6. RESOLVED, the sum of \$250,000 is hereby appropriated to be added to Western Middle School Fields Contamination Project account number Z680.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 9 was now before the meeting.

John Toner, Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 9.

9. 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 March 31, 2020.

DR. ELLEN N. WOLFSON

The vote was now on the combined items.

In Favor	-	168
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	2

Items Carried

The Moderator announced the Item No. 4 which was postponed from the March 2016 meeting was now before the meeting.

4. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation, for a term expiring March 31, 2020.

SCOTT JOHNSON

John R. Eddy, Chairman of Appointments Committee, made a motion to postpone Item No. 4 to the June 12, 2017 meeting.

Upon a voice vote, motion carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 5 on the call was now before the meeting.

James Hricay, Managing Director of Operations for Board of Education, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 5.

5. RESOLVED, the sum of \$70,000 is hereby appropriated to be added to Food Service account number S670-53400, known as food supplies.

The vote was now on Item No. 5.

In Favor	-	159
Against	-	9
Abstentions	-	5

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 7 on call was now before the meeting.

John Toner, Selectman, offered the following substitute resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 7.

7. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Board of Human Services, for a term expiring March 31, 2020.

ANNALISA FERNANDEZ

The vote was now on Item No. 7.

In Favor	-	171
Against	-	2
Abstentions	-	1

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 8 on the call was now before the meeting.

John Toner, Selectman, offered the following substitute resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 8.

8. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed a member of the Board of Ethics, for a term expiring March 31, 2020.

ROBERT SISCA

John R. Eddy, Chairman of Appointments Committee, made a motion to postpone Item No. 8 to the June 12, 2017 meeting.

Upon a voice vote, motion carried

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

John Toner, Selectman, offered the following substitute resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 10.

10. 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 March 31, 2020.

ANNE MARIE HYNES

The vote was now on Item No. 10.

In Favor	-	167
Against	-	1
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent at 8:46 p.m.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK