

TOWN OF GREENWICH  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
LAW COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
Law Department Conference Room

Committee: Leslie L. Tarkington, Chair; Elizabeth K. Krumeich

Other: John Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Fernando deArango, Assistant Town Attorney; Abby Wadler, Assistant Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

**1. Discussion of Law Department Budget**

Town Attorney Fox discussed the Law Department FY2016-2017 Budget and the requirement for an additional \$75,000 appropriation. He explained that additional funds would be needed for outside counsel's fees as the Department would need additional expert support in the Eversource Siting Council proceedings. In addition, the Department had absences due to illnesses resulting in additional outside counsel having been hired in replacement of the absent staff members. The Law Committee queried whether \$75,000 would be sufficient and suggested \$100,000. Town Attorney Fox responded that he would confirm costs with the proposed outside counsel for the Eversource matter prior to the BET Budget Committee meeting on May 9, 2017.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Committee voted 2-0 to recommend to the Board of Estimate and Taxation an additional \$75,000 appropriation for outside counsel fees.

**2. Discussion in Executive Session of pending cases in litigation**

The Committee voted to go into Executive Session at 2:00 P.M. to discuss a case in pending litigation. After some discussion, the Committee voted 2-0 to come out of Executive Session at 3:02 P.M.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Law Committee of the Board of Estimate and Taxation ("BET") members Tarkington and Krumeich present voted 2-0 upon review and advice of the Town Attorney to recommend to the Board of Estimate and Taxation a settlement of Marie Schimchick v. Town of Greenwich for \$60,000.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Law Committee of the Board of Estimate and Taxation ("BET") members Tarkington and Krumeich present voted 2-0 upon review and advice of the Town Attorney to recommend to the Board of Estimate and Taxation a settlement of Safeco Insurance Company v. Town of Greenwich and Balone for \$10,437.58.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Law Committee of the Board of Estimate and Taxation ("BET") members Tarkington and Krumeich present voted 2-0 upon review and advice of the Town Attorney

to recommend to the Board of Estimate and Taxation a settlement of Chubb Group v. Roberti and Town of Greenwich for \$20,253.05.

**3. Review and Approval of April 7, 2017 BET Law Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Committee deferred approval of the minutes.

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

  
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Leslie L. Tarkington, BET Law Committee Chairman