

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

Monday, May 16, 2016
Law Department Conference Room

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

Other: Eugene McLaughlin, Assistant Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 A.M.

1. Review and Approval of Bruce Museum, Inc. Grant Documents

Attorney McLaughlin provided documents for the review of the Bruce Museum DECD Grant:

1. A compared DECD Assistance Agreement where the State has rejected a joint agreement of the Town and the Bruce Museum, Inc. ("BMI"). The State's way is to do a direct agreement with the Town and a pass through agreement to BMI.
2. The proposed (Pass-Through) Agreement between the Town and BMI where BMI will perform all the requirements of the Town under the Assistance Agreement.
3. An Environmental Certificate from BMI to the Town.
4. Environmental Reports on asbestos abatement previously done at the Museum.
5. A copy of the 2007 RTM meeting minutes approving acceptance and appropriation of the Grant subject to BET approval to the appropriate account.

Attorney McLaughlin had modified documents to address issues raised at the May 10 and 11, BET Budget and Law Committee meetings, respectively. He had met with Attorney Bruce Cohen, representing BMI. Separately, he negotiated proposed Town changes with DECD.

Ms. Krumeich identified a discrepancy between the amount (percent) of liquidated damages in the Assistance and Pass-Through Agreements. Ms. Tarkington requested increased BMI financial responsibility in the Pass-Through Agreement for any environmental contamination uncovered during the science gallery renovation project and parking lot expansion based on the pending lease agreement with the State for contiguous land. Peter Mynarski, Comptroller will be requested to review the Agreements for the DECD reporting requirements.

Mr. McLaughlin advised that BMI would lease land adjacent to Route 95 from the state to merge with vacant land on the BMI site to be improved and paved for substantially increased Museum parking.

The BMI items are to be added to the call for approval at the June RTM meeting. Grant documentation is scheduled to be closed by June 30, 2016.

2. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M.


Leslie L. Tarkington, BET Law Committee Chairman