TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
NATHANIEL WITHERELL STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Gisborne Conference Room, Town Hall

Monday, June 12, 2017

Committee: Arthur D. Norton; Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Jill Oberlander; Nancy Weissler

Board: William Drake; Leslie Moriarty

Others: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Arline Lomazzo, RTM

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M.

1. Approval of Nathaniel Witherell Strategic Planning Committee Minutes

   On a motion made by Ms. Weissler, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to amend the Agenda to add consideration of the minutes from the April 12, 2017 and April 28, 2017 meetings.

   Draft minutes of the April 12, 2017 minutes were discussed and the Committee agreed on adding a time of adjournment.

   Upon a motion made by Ms. Weissler, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to adopt the April 12, 2017 minutes as amended.

   Draft minutes of the April 28, 2017 minutes were discussed.

   Upon a motion made by Ms. Weissler, seconded by Ms. Oberlander, the Committee voted 3 to 0 to adopt the April 28, 2017 minutes. (Krumeich abstaining).

   The Committee agreed to delay consideration of the minutes from the April 6, 2017 tour of The Osborn until the next meeting.

2. Discussion of Nathaniel Witherell Business, Financial Models

   Mr. Norton shared recent advertisements and marketing efforts. Ms. Weissler asked about the status of TNW’s request: for proposals for strategic partnerships, commenting that it would be useful to learn the proposed business terms before any contract is signed. The Committee discussed the 25 TNW part-time workers who qualified for health benefits due to extra hours worked.

   The Committee agreed that there was a lack of understanding about governance authority and accountability at TNW. Ms. Krumeich will inquire as to the regulatory structure of TNW. The Committee Report will recommend restructuring the TNW Board to identify standing committees responsible for finance, audit and governance, strategic planning, nominating, and care quality measures.
Ms. Weissler raised TNW's performance from April, as included in the TNW Board packet. She added that in Fiscal '17, TNW presented information on the conversion of private pay individuals to Medicaid for the first time. In response to a question, Mr. Mynarski stated that the Finance Department only reconciles TNW's numbers at the end of a fiscal year. Historically, TNW operates with a deficit in the range of $2 to $4 million. This year, performance will appear better due to additional cash transfers from the Town.

3. Items for Future Committee Meetings

The next two scheduled meetings are July 10, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. and July 31, 2017 at 4:00 P.M., both in the Mazza Room.

5. Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted 4 to 0 to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:16 P.M.

Jill Oberlander, Recording Secretary

Arthur D. Norton, Chairman