



MINUTES of the Special Meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Friday, June 12, 2020 in a virtual Zoom webinar, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Michael S. Mason called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chairman  
Karen Fassuliotis, Vice Chairman  
William Drake, Clerk  
Andreas Duus III  
Laura Erickson  
Debra Hess  
Miriam Kreuzer  
Elizabeth K. Krumeich  
Leslie Moriarty  
Jeffrey S. Ramer  
Leslie L. Tarkington  
David Weisbrod

Staff: Carmella Budkins, Town Clerk; Lauren Elliott, Assessor; Roland Gieger, Director, Budget & Systems, Finance Department (Dept.); Craig Jones, Information Technology (IT) Dept.; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Heather Smeriglio, Tax Collector

BOE/GPS Karen Ball, Media Specialist, Greenwich Public Schools (GPS); Jen Bencivengo, Principal, Old Greenwich Elementary School; Peter Bernstein, Chairman, Board of Education (BOE); Fionnuala Browning, Media Specialist, GPS; Karen Hirsch, Secretary, BOE; Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent, GPS; Maria Jukic, AVID Coordinator, Central Middle School; Sean O'Keefe, Chief Operating Officer GPS; Esra Murray, Educator, Eastern Middle School; Valerie Rimmer, PTA, Central Middle School; Kristen Silvester, Music Educator, GPS; Alexandra Stevens, Media Specialist, GHS; Kathleen Yu, PTA, Western Middle School

RTM: Lucia Jansen, (D-7) Chair, BOC; Dan Ozizmir, Vice Chair BOC, Chair LLC; Lucy Von Brachel, (D-4); Janet Stone McGuigan, (D-6); Phil Dodson, (D-8)

OTHER: Ken Borsuk, Reporter, *Greenwich Time*; GCTV; Nicole James, Catherine Keenan, Esq, Old Greenwich; Caroline Lerum, Organizer, Support Greenwich Schools; Marina Levine, Co-founder, Indivisible Greenwich

### **Approval of Mill Rates for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year**

- **General Fund**

Mr. Drake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hess to approve the Resolution for General Fund Tax on Assessment List of October 2019, as provided in the packet, with a Mill Rate of 11.590.

Motion to Amend: Mr. Ramer made a motion seconded by Ms. Moriarty to amend the Resolution to increase the Mill Rate from 11.590 to 11.682.

The Board considered this amendment which would increase the Fund Balance, anticipating Interim Appropriation requests for education. A Board member remarked that the RTM had earlier approved the Budget for FY2020-2021 with the Mill Rate of 11.590. General discussion ensued.

The Board voted 6-6-0 on this amendment moved by Mr. Ramer (Opposed: Duus, Drake, Fassuliotis, Hess, Mason, Tarkington). Motion failed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Duus, the Board voted 10-2-0 to approve the Resolution for General Fund Tax with a rate of 11.590 Mills on the Assessment List of October 2019 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (Opposed: Kreuzer, Weisbrod). Motion carried.

- **Sewer Maintenance Fund**

Upon a motion by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the Resolution for the Sewer Maintenance Fund Tax rate of 0.378 Mills on the Assessment List of October 2019 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as amended. Motion carried.

- **Sewer Maintenance Fund**

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 12-0-0 to approve the Resolution for the Sewer Improvements Fund tax rate of 0.052 Mills on the Assessment List of October 2019 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as amended. Motion carried.

### **Revision and Approval of Bonding Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

- **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$34,973,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$34,973,000 Bonds to meet a portion of the Capital Budget appropriations in the Capital Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and accept the RTM changes noted in red, although not substantive, and to advise the Town Attorney of the changes. The Board voted 12-0-0. Motion carried.

- **RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$25,000,000 TOWN OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS.**

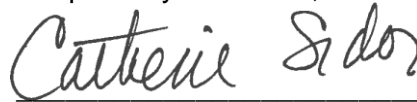
Upon a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, to approve the Authorization, Issuance, and sale not exceeding \$25,000,000 Town of Greenwich General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The Board voted 12-0-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Mason asked Ms. Smeriglio, the Tax Collector, for an authorized document prepared for Mr. Drake's signature.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Duus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weisbrod, to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 P.M. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary



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William Drake, Clerk of the Board



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Michael Mason, Chairman