

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
DEBT AND FUND BALANCE WORKING GROUP

MINUTES – Mazza Room, 1st Floor, Town Hall
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Working Group Committee: William Drake, Leslie Moriarty, Jeff Ramer, Chairwoman
Nancy Weissler

Others: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.

1. Review and Approval of the Debt and Fund Balance Policy Working Group Minutes of August 29, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Weissler, the August 29, 2017 minutes were approved on a vote of 4 to 0. Ms. Moriarty noted that the approved Minutes included a correction to the draft Minutes previously posted. This correction was to reflect the approval by a 4-0 vote (rather than a 2-2 vote as indicated in the draft minutes) on the language change to the first sentence in second paragraph under section D. Debt Structure.

2. Discussion and possible vote on Debt Policy Recommendation and Working Group Report to the BET

Ms. Weissler began the discussions asking the Working Group if there were any proposed additional changes to the Debt Policy. In response, Mr. Ramer made a motion to replace the current third metric with, "maintain a maximum Town of Greenwich net debt of no more than 0.75% of the Equalized Net Grand List (ENGL) of the Town of Greenwich as then most recently published by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management, but preferably target such net debt at no more than 0.50%". Ms. Moriarty seconded the motion. Mr. Ramer noted that Bill Lindsay indicated this would be a favorable change to the policy in that the language is consistent with the way other Towns handle this condition, thus making it more meaningful for the credit agencies. After discussing the matter, the vote failed 2 to 2 (Ramer and Moriarty for, Weissler and Drake opposed).

In reference to the above stated matter of using the ENGL, Ms. Weissler told the Working Group that BET Member Leslie Tarkington notified her that she would not support using the ENGL as a measure in this metric. Ms. Tarkington, through Ms. Weissler, stated she is not in favor of the methodology used by the Office of Policy and Management in calculating the ENGL. Ms. Moriarty commented that the use of the ENGL would be consistent from year to year and would be consistent with the way other Towns handle this condition, thus making it more meaningful for the credit agencies.

Mr. Mynarski informed the Working Group that he had contacted the Town's Financial Advisor, Mr. Bill Lindsay, concerning the extended use of Bond Anticipation Notes (BANS) noted in the Section D, Debt Structure, third paragraph. Mr. Mynarski stated that both he and Mr. Lindsay recommend the removal of this paragraph in the Debt Policy. As a result, Ms. Weissler made a

motion to delete the above referenced paragraph in the Debt Structure section, seconded by Mr. Drake. The vote passed 4 to 0.

There was an extended discussion on the "Recommendation to the BET on the Debt Policy" report prepared by Ms. Weissler. The Working Group reviewed the report. The Working Group mutually agreed to the contents of the report. Most importantly, the Working Group agreed to include a number amendments be added to the report where there were disagreements to the provisions of the Debt Policy. As a result, Ms. Weissler made a motion to forward the report, with all agreed upon amendments and Appendices attached, to the full BET for approval. Mr. Ramer seconded the motion and the voted passed 4 to 0 in favor.

3. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items offered.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Ms. Weissler, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.



Peter Mynarski, Recording Secretary



Nancy Weissler, Chairwoman of The Working Group