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

Friday, September 14, 2018,
Regular Meeting
Law Department Conference Room

Committee: Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Chair; Karen Fassuliotis
Law: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney
Staff: Joseph Siciliano, Director, Parks & Recreation Department

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 A.M.

1. Discussion in Executive Session of Pending Cases in Litigation

The Committee entered into an Executive Session to discuss pending cases in litigation.

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted 2-0 to go into Executive Session at 9:35 AM to discuss pending cases in litigation. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Krumeich, seconded by Ms. Fassuliotis, the Committee voted 2-0 to come out of Executive Session at 9:56 AM. Motion carried.

The Committee exited from the Executive Session.

3. Discussion on School Fields

The Committee received a re-cap from Director Siciliano about the Central Middle School (CMS) field feasibility study that was budgeted and approved in the FY 2018-19 budget. Mr. Siciliano reminded the Committee that $300,000 was appropriated for a middle school field study, with $150,000 subject to release. He told the Committee that in May/June of 2018 he met with Board of Education (BOE) members and Central Middle School was selected for the study/survey. Mr. Siciliano stated that he put together a Greenwich Field Analysis Template (Template) to evaluate the different aspects of the field assessment. This Template includes: reviewing engineered or natural turf fields or artificial turf fields; lights or no lights; parking and traffic patterns; and environmental issues. Milone and MacBroom, Engineering Consultants from Cheshire, Connecticut, have been hired as consultants to carry out the study. Director Siciliano understands that the Board of Education has approved the Template. To date, a topographical survey has been done. The next step will be to dig a few test pits to test the soil striation type (this will not be environmental test bores). It is Director, Siciliano's understanding that the BOE has communicated to CMS' neighbors through the Greenwich Public School's Director of Communications, Ms. Kim Eves, that these test cores would be taken. Mr. Siciliano
also informed the Committee that the State of Connecticut did a study of artificial turf in Greenwich and they concluded there were no health issues.

Director Siciliano was asked if there was a way to develop open space for a premier sports field or property identified that could be purchased to build the type of field that the BOE and Parks & Recreation need to increase the number of playable fields. Mr. Siciliano stated that they currently have 28,000 hours of field time needed through the BOE, Parks & Recreation and other users; and they do not have field capacity.

Mr. Siciliano advised the Committee that other towns have built-in curfews to address neighbors' issues with lighting. He also noted that lights would be used only during certain times of the spring/fall when the days were shorter, and never past 9 PM or on Sundays. He also discussed new lighting systems that focuses light and, therefore, would eliminate the current type of lighting at Cardinal Stadium. Today's lighting systems can direct lighting on to the field for athletes and spectators with little spill off into the surrounding area.

Mr. Siciliano gave the Committee a copy of the Template template.

3. Eversource Update

Town Attorney Fox, advised the Committee that the Town had engaged counsel who specialize in preparing appeals, Halloran Sage, to appeal the decision in the Eversource case by the Siting Council.

4. Approval of BET Law Committee Minutes

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Board voted 2-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the BET Law Committee meeting held on July 9, 2018. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Board voted 2-0-0 to approve the Minutes of the BET Law Committee meeting (continuation of July 9, 2018 meeting) held July 12, 2018, as amended. Motion carried.

5. New Business

a. List of Claims

Ms. Krumeich informed the Committee that she has asked the Finance Department to provide the Committee with a list of claims against the Town so that this Committee could study them to determine the extent to which funds are being paid out of the Risk Fund to settle claims and whether there may be ways to deal effectively with the issues before they became claims against the Town.

b. Law Department Staffing

Mr. Fox indicated that he will be requesting an additional attorney for the FY 2020 budget. The additional staffing is needed to offset potential retirements of long-term Town attorneys who may retire in the next few years.
6. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Fassuliotis, seconded by Ms. Krumeich, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Law Committee on Monday, October 15, 2018, at 3:00 PM in the Law Department Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fassuliotis, Recording Secretary

Elizabeth K. Krumeich, Chair