



Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderator's Hall of the Central Middle School on Wednesday September 19, 2001 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.).

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Thomas J. Byrne, presented the colors and the members and guests stood for a moment of silence for the victims of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

RTM member Mark Dawson, a member of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Team and his dog, Elvis, led the body in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A group of Greenwich High School students, consisting of Mathew Carstensen, Ben Ellerin, Ned Breen, Will Bates and Don Romaniello led the membership singing the National Anthem.

Three new members were sworn in prior to the meeting- Kara Donahue in District 5; Jeffrey Mamorsky in District 10 and David Shields in District 12.

Attendance cards were presented showing present, absent and Vacancies. Districts Five and Ten had perfect attendance.

Mary Ferry, chairman of District 5, offered the following resolution recognizing the service and contributions of the late E. Constant Dickinson.

On behalf of District 5, please join us in remembering and celebrating the life of Edwin Constant Dickinson, who died unexpectedly on June 22, 2001. His many friends called him "Con".

Con was appointed to the RTM in January 1997, and quickly became a valued member. He was Chairman of the Town Services Committee, Vice-Chairman of District 5 and a member of the Community Development Advisory Committee. We all admired him for his insight, his wit and his compassion.

His other community activities included being Vice-President of the Old Greenwich Lions Club and former treasurer of the Democratic Town Committee.

Con graduated from Friends Seminary and St. Lawrence University. He served in the U.S. Navy, worked in the international freight transportation industry for almost 40 years, and served on the board of WestConn, a transportation business association.

Sailing was a lifelong avocation. Con competed in many international and off-shore small boat races. He was a governor of the Riverside Yacht Club and an active member of the Cruising Club of America and was also involved with other sailing clubs.

Con was very dedicated to his family; Nancy, his wife; Sarah, his daughter; Andrew, his son; and Peter, his young grandson, with whom he loved to babysit.

We are thankful for Con's many contributions to RTM and to the community. We ask that these remarks be included in the minutes and that a copy be sent to his widow, Nancy Dickinson, of Riverside.

The members stood for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Dickinson . . .

The Moderator introduced the students of Greenwich High School who represented the Town at the Boys and Girls State Program, sponsored by the American Legion. They were Julia Baxter, Sara Loebelson, Jocelyn Mammone, Elizabeth Steinfeld, Kendyl VanHoesen, Adam Braun, Brian Ciccone, Robert Denning, Tim Foley, Josh Mertz and Martii Thomas.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the call of the meeting, the reading of the call would be omitted.

Robert Tuthill of District 3 made a motion, which was duly moved and seconded, to limit debate on Item No. 1 to three minutes per speaker except for the proponent and principal opponent of the motion (the latter to be determined by the Moderator) who shall be entitled to speak for ten minutes.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the June 11 2001 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments. Robert Perri of District 12 noted that on page 8 in the next to last paragraph the wording was not what he remembered from the meeting. He made a motion to delete the words "however", "not" and "not" in the last sentence.

Commissioner of Public Works Marcos Madrid indicated that the wording in the minutes accurately reflected his statement at the June meeting. Mr. Perry restated his motion, which was seconded. The vote on Mr. Perry's motion failed. The Moderator suggested a motion to adopt the minutes as submitted. That motion was seconded and carried.

The minutes were adopted as submitted.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 1 on the call, postponed from the June 11, 2001 meeting, was now before the meeting.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift valued at \$120,000 for a Municipal Improvement (MI#485) consisting of the installation of light poles and lights at Cardinal Stadium at Greenwich High School at 10 Hillside Road.

Robert Brady of District 5 made a motion, which was seconded, to postpone this item until the December 2001 meeting.

Mary Romeo of District 12 moved the previous question, which was seconded.

Motion Carried

The vote was now on the motion to postpone until the December meeting.

In Favor	-	81
Against	-	118
Abstentions	-	0

Motion Lost

Valerie Stauffer of District 7 made a motion on behalf of District 7. The amendment read as follows:

Further Resolved, that, other than the athletic events (not to exceed ten events per calendar year) and athletic practices (not to exceed six per calendar year) specified in the guidelines adopted by the Board of Education on August 30, 2001, there shall be no additional use of the lights at the athletic field at Greenwich High School for athletic events or for any other events, performances, services, ceremonies, practices or other activities unless prior there to a request for approval of such use has been submitted to the Representative Town Meeting in writing and has been approved by a majority vote of the Representative Town Meeting and

Further Resolved, that if any unapproved usage of the lights shall occur, the Board of Selectmen shall direct the Department of Public Works to proceed immediately to permanently disconnect the lights.

Based upon the opinion of the Town Attorney that the resolution would confer upon the Representative Town Meeting authority that it did not possess in land use matters.

The Moderator ruled that the amendment was not in legal order.

After much discussion Edward Dadakis of District 1 moved the previous question, which was seconded.

Motion Carried

The vote was now on Item No. 1.

In Favor	-	126
Against	-	70
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 2 on the call was now before the meeting .

Carol Shattuck, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 2.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term beginning April 1, 2000 and expiring 3/31/05.

WILLIAM J. GREMP

The Moderator suggested a motion to suspend the rules and combine items 2 and 3 for voting purposes.

Motion Carried

Marcos Madrid, Commissioner of Public Works, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 2.

RESOLVED, that the RTM supports increasing the number of snowplows approved in FY 01-02 from three to nineteen as shown in Public Works' Account No. 312-913-2201 known as "Highway - Snow Plows - Hydraulic Reversible - 3."

The vote was now on Items 2 and 3.

In Favor	-	170
Against	-	2
Abstentions	-	0

Items Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 11:15 P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK