



**TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
LAW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 4, 2023**

Law Committee: Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Stephen Selbst

Town Attorney: Barbara Schellenberg

Law Department: Amina Ahmad, Laura McGeachy

BET: Harry Fisher, Leslie Tarkington

RTM: Lucia Jansen

HR: Mary Pepe

**Planning &
Zoning:** Patrick LaRow, Margarita Alban

Public Works: Jim Michel

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3.02 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023, regular meeting and the September 13, 2023 special meeting .

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to add: (a) a discussion of the Town Attorney's opinion regarding municipal improvements, and (b) a proposal for the Town to indemnify the Army Corps of Engineers to the agenda.

2. Old Business

Budget -- Town Attorney Schellenberg reported that the Law Department was running on budget through August 31, 2023, and that the recent resolution of various cases and the shift to utilizing Law Department counsel was likely to lead to a reduction on the fees and expenses paid to outside counsel.

3. New Business

Post Road Tree Planting Project – Patrick LaRow advised the Law Committee on the Town's obligation to indemnify the State of Connecticut connection with replanting of trees on the Post Road. Because Town policy requires that insurance against indemnity be obtained, if the indemnity clause is approved, the Town will obtain such insurance for an annual premium of approximately \$65 per year. It was noted that the insurance cost would be in perpetuity and will likely increase through the years.

Greenwich-Stamford Multi-Use Path Trail Grant – Jim Michel advised the Law Committee that the State of Connecticut is requiring the Town to indemnify the State in connection with a proposed grant of \$270,400 to study a multi-use path that would run between Bocuzzi Park in Stamford and Binney Park in Old Greenwich. Mr. Michel said that the planning and study was anticipated to run 12-24 months. The Chair requested that the Town prepare a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Stamford with respect to Stamford's responsibilities for the project and that a copy of the proposed MOU be distributed to both the Law Committee and the RTM prior to approval of the proposed appropriation by the RTM.

4. Executive Session

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to go into executive session at 3.42 P.M.

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to go into executive session at 3.54 P.M.

5. Adjournment

Upon motion made by the Chair and seconded by Mr. Selbst, the Law Committee voted 2-0-0 to adjourn at 3.55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Selbst, Recording Secretary



Karen Fassuliotis, Chair, Law Committee