MINUTES of the regular meeting of the Board of Estimate and Taxation held on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, Greenwich, CT.

Chairman Michael Mason called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M., after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Board members in attendance:

Michael S. Mason, Chairman
Arthur D. Norton, Vice Chairman
Mary Lee A. Kiernan, Clerk
Gregory Bedrosian
Robert Brady
William R. Finger
Sean Goldrick
Marc V. Johnson
Joseph L. Pellegrino
Jeffrey S. Ramer
Leslie L. Tarkington

Absent: Randall Huffman
Selectmen: Drew Marzullo, Selectman
Staff: Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Roland Gieger, Budget Director; Lauren Elliott, Assessor; Robert Shipman, Assistant Assessor

ROUTINE APPLICATIONS

PW-2 Public Works – Additional Appropriation $27,000

Additional Appropriation:
$ 27,000 to Z312-59600-13206 King Street Realignment
$ 27,000 from Capital Non-Recurring

SE-3 First Selectman – Additional Appropriation $47,500

Additional Appropriation:
$ 47,500 to P935-57350 Settlement
$ 47,500 from Risk Fund Balance

Mr. Mason shared concerns regarding the settlement.

Upon a motion by Ms. Kiernan, seconded by Mr. Ramer, the Board voted 11-0-0 to approve the applications.
ASSESSOR’S REPORT

Ms. Elliott presented the Assessor’s Report, highlighting the timing of the personal property declarations, motor vehicle appraisals at the Board of Assessments Appeals hearings, and ongoing Grand List revaluation litigation.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tarkington, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the Assessor’s Report.

COMPTROLLER’S REPORT

Mr. Mynarski presented the Comptroller’s Report, highlighting the Retirement Board Flash Report presented at the meeting and a group of upcoming RFP’s for the workers compensation outside administrator, the Retirement System actuary and the Town’s insurance carrier. A discussion followed regarding savings obtained through the insurance subrogation process and the GCTV internal audit.

Upon a motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the Comptroller’s Report.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT SHOWING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD OF September 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012

Upon a motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mr. Finger, the Board voted 11-0-0 to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

BET Standing Committee Reports

Budget Committee Report

Mr. Pellegrino gave an overview and update of the Nathaniel Witherell Project Renew bid and re-bid processes, and shared comments regarding the Budget Committee’s request to the Project Renew Building Committee for clarity on: defining the scope of Project Renew; the cost of such project scope; additional items brought forth by the Building Committee; additional cost of additional debt; and additional operating costs from both the foregoing items and delayed project start. The Budget Committee asked the Building Committee to appear at the November Budget Committee meeting with this information, with the expectation that the full BET will take up Project Renew items at its November meeting. A discussion followed regarding BAN/bond versus bond financing given current low interest rates, cost implications, cash flow implications and potential amendments to the Project Renew bonding resolution. Mr. Mynarski will model different financing scenarios and provide recommendations.

BET Liaison Reports

Mr. Brady reported that the POCO Implementation Committee is scheduled to meet on October 18, 2012.

BET Special Project Team Reports

The GHS MISA/Remediation Report was included in the Agenda Packet.
NEW BUSINESS

Registrars Salaries 2013-2014 Elected Term

On behalf of the HR Committee, Mr. Johnson gave background information regarding the Registrars’ salaries, proposed increases, job responsibilities, salaries in comparable communities and technology changes. Mr. Goldrick shared concerns regarding the underpayment of the Registrars. Mr. Mason shared comments commending the Registrars’ departmental improvements and economic challenges.

Upon a motion by Mr. Johnson, the Board voted 11-0-0 to approve an increase to the Registrars of Voters salaries by 2.25% to $32,695, beginning January 1, 2013, and by 2.0% to $33,349, beginning January 1, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

BET Budget Committee Guidelines Workshop

Mr. Pellegrino gave an update on the Budget Committee’s progress drafting the guidelines, highlighting the workshop discussion concerning mill rates. Mr. Mason stressed the importance of input form all on the guidelines and the role of Town Departments in helping with solutions.

BET TOG/BOE HR Working Group Study

Ms. Kiernan reviewed the formation, purpose and participants in the TOG/BOE HR Working Group, and explained that she and Mr. Pellegrino had developed a draft set of recommendations that will be presented to the full BET in November. The draft is currently being reviewed by TOG and BOE for input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BET Regular Meeting, September 10, 2012

Upon a motion by Mr. Ramer, seconded by Ms. Tarkington, the Board voted 11-0-0 to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the BET from September 10, 2012.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Mason reviewed meetings attended, including RTM Finance, District 6 and Board of Education meetings, and he shared comments regarding upcoming BET meetings and the workload ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Goldrick, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:13 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Maria Bocchino, Recording Secretary

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Mary Lee A. Kiernan, Clerk of the Board

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Michael S. Mason, Chairman