



Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a regular meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was held on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 8:00 P.M. (D.S.T.) in the Moderator's Hall of Central Middle School.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Thomas J. Byrne.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Town Clerk Carmella C. Budkins swore in Kieran E. Ingold, a new member of District 1 and Ajit K. Laroria, a new member of District 11.

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

Attendance cards were presented showing 205 present, 21 absent and 4 vacancies. Districts 4, 5, 7 and 11 had perfect attendance.

The members who were absent in District 1 – Richard P. Holleran, Marla M. Weston; District 2 – Mark Schoeder; District 3 – Murray S. Paroly, Claudia Velez, M. Michael Warner; District 6 – Neil J. Bulger; District 8- James G. Boutelle; District 9 – Andrew H. Bernstein, Evan L. Delman, Donna F. Gaudioso-Zeale, Adrian L. Pasternak, Frank P. Petise; District 10 – Gregory R. Bedrosian, David W. Detjen, Jeffrey Stein; District 12 – Bill Bambrick, Emil Bennie Benvenuto, Robert A. Bray, Karl W. Bylciw, Robert H. Stafford, III.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments.

Thomas J. Byrne, Moderator moved to amend the minutes as follows:

George F. Chelwick was present in District 1 therefore changing the attendance totals to 206 present, 23 absent and 1 vacancy.

There being no other corrections or comments, the minutes, as amended, were adopted by unanimous consent.

Karen A. Sadik-Khan, member of District 6 presented the following in tribute to the late Lee Smith McKeithen.

WHEREAS: Lee Smith McKeithen, a member of the Representative Town Meeting for 20 years from District Six died of natural causes on June 21st, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 97 years old.

WHEREAS: Lee McKeithen lived in Old Greenwich from 1950 to her retirement in 2003. She was born in Albermarle, North Carolina on April 24, 1913. She graduated as Valedictorian of her class at Albermarle High School at the age of 16 and proceeded to receive her Bachelor's Degree from Duke University in 1932 at the age of 19 when she also commenced law school. In 1934 while still a law student, Lee sat for and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar.

The next year, 1935, she and a classmate were the first women to graduate from Duke Law School. After graduation, she practiced with the R.L. Smith & Sons law firm in Albemarle - representing local individual and business clients, and arguing a

number of cases before the North Carolina Supreme Court. She was elected vice president of the North Carolina Bar Association in 1938.

In 1939, she married Edwin T. McKeithen, Jr., a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and moved to New York City where she became the first woman admitted to the bar on motion in the First Judicial Department of New York State. She became affiliated with the Legal Aid Society in NYC and continued to do appellate work in the North Carolina Courts until her first child was born in 1941 – she subsequently devoted the next 30 years to her husband and four children.

In 1950, she and her family moved to Old Greenwich where she became active in many school, church and civic affairs. She served as on District Six of the RTM for twenty years, was a trustee of the First Congregational Church, president of the Greenwich Association for Public Schools, head of the Greenwich chapter of the American Field Service Committee and a board member of the YWCA and American Red Cross. She more than lived up to the expression: civic minded.

One of her passions was her love of classical music. She attended performances of the Metropolitan Opera and, when not attending, she listened to their live Saturday afternoon broadcasts for all of her adult life.

When her youngest child left home for college, Lee resumed her legal career by joining the Greenwich office of Cummings & Lockwood in 1968. Her husband, an executive with American Can, died suddenly of a heart attack in 1970. Three years later, Lee sat for and passed the Connecticut Bar examination and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar just before her 60th birthday. In 1979, she was appointed by the Governor of Connecticut to the Committee on the Selection of the Judiciary, serving until 1986.

Her stunning career was highlighted again in 1980 when she became Cummings & Lockwood's first female partner. She continued as full time partner until the age of 75, and thereafter practiced in an of-counsel capacity. At the age of 90, advancing macular degeneration prompted her retirement from the firm and the practice of law. At that time, she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico to live near her two daughters, Mollie Reddington and Elizabeth Smith who survive her as do her two sons Edwin T. McKeithen of Thailand and R.L. Smith McKeithen of California...and nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Lee is buried alongside her husband in Aberdeen, North Carolina.

I remember knowing Lee when I first joined the District 6 RTM. Her gentle, friendly Southern manner was delightful – and all the while there was this woman of extraordinary accomplishments in the field of law who had set precedents for women her entire life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the entire membership of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting joins District Six in honoring Lee

McKeithen's life, in remembering her service to her community with deep gratitude, and in extending our sympathy to her family.

The resolution passed by unanimous consent and the members stood for a moment of silence in memory of Lee Smith McKeithen.

Pursuant to RTM rules, the Moderator designated that no items would be placed on the consent calendar and Item No. 4 was withdrawn.

The Moderator suggested a motion, which was moved and seconded, to suspend the rules and combine items 1, 2, 3, & 5.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that the combined items were now before the meeting.

Princess Erfe, Director of Community Development offered the following resolutions, which were duly moved and seconded, regarding items 1 & 2:

1. WHEREAS, the Policy of the Town of Greenwich requires that the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall annually make and file in the Office of the Town Clerk a Detailed Statement of the Appropriations, with its reasons for said Appropriations which it deems necessary to meet the expenses and to conduct the affairs of the Community Development Block Grant Program of the Town of Greenwich for the ensuing Fiscal Year, that is to say, for the Year January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the said Board has so filed in the Office of Town Clerk a Detailed Statement of such Appropriations contained in a document designated as the Proposed 2011 Community Development Block Grant Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2011 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011) pages A, 1, and 2, pages 37 through 66 and pages 75 through 78, and it will also forward a copy of this resolution indicating approval of the Community Development Block Grant Plan and Budget for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 by the Board of Estimate and Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the said Policy provides that the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall submit proposed Appropriations and make such Appropriations as may appear advisable, except that no Appropriations shall be made exceeding an amount for the same purpose recommended by the said Board; and

WHEREAS, said Proposed Community Development Block Grant Budget Year 2011 and History was forwarded to the members of the Representative Town Meeting on or before September 7, 2010 for action by the Representative Town Meeting at its Meeting to be held October 25, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Board of Estimate and Taxation as contained in the said Proposed Community Development Block Grant Budget Year 2011 and History filed, as stated, in the Office of the Town Clerk and submitted at the meeting of the Representative Town Meeting be and the same hereby are approved as the Appropriations for the ensuing Calendar Year 2011, except that the following items shall be increased, decreased, modified or omitted as follows:

Appropriations Recommended

<u>Department</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>By Budget Committee</u>	<u>By Board</u>	<u>Increase (+) or Reason for Decrease</u>	<u>(-)</u>
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Total Increase (+)/Decrease (-).....

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Appropriations of \$1,134,561.26 (+/-), set forth, are hereby approved, made and adopted for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2011 to December 2011, inclusive and conditioned on the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the projected entitlement of approximately \$975,000 (+/-), reprogrammed funds of \$120,843.26 (PY2008 and PY2009) and the receipt of an annual incremental loan repayment of \$38,718,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the entitlement amount should be more than anticipated, the additional funds will be appropriated to a contingency line item, or if either the entitlement is less than the projected \$975,000 or the loan repayment is less than the \$38,718, the priority for funding, after the staff salaries, will be based on an equal percentage reduction of the activities listed in the “CDBG Program Year 2011 – First Selectman’s Funding Recommendations”; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman, under the provisions of Title 8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 130, Part VI, Community Development and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended (42 U.S.C. §5301 et seq.); the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §3531 et seq.), be hereby authorized to accept grants for the purpose of carrying out an approved Community Development Block Grant Program for the Town of Greenwich; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Community Development of the Town of Greenwich, for purposes set forth in this Budget is authorized to accept grants or funds made available through the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

2. RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting does hereby approve and adopt the Proposed 2011 Community Development Block Grant Annual One-

Year Action Plan, Program Year 2011 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011), for the Town of Greenwich, Connecticut as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and as it may be modified by adoption of the Resolution of the Board of Estimate and Taxation; and that the Representative Town Meeting does hereby authorize the First Selectman to prepare the Final Action Plan, January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011, for the Town of Greenwich and to apply for and accept funds for the purpose of carrying out housing and community development programs, as approved for fiscal year 2011 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011); and

RESOLVED, that in approving and adopting said Proposed 2011 Community Development Block Grant Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2011 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011), to become the Final Plan, the Representative Town Meeting finds and determines that by following the plan, the Community Development Block Grant program will be conducted and administered in compliance with Title 8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 130, Part VI, Community Development and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended (42 U.S.C 5301 et seq.); of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 3531 et seq.); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman, under the provisions of Title 8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 130 Part VI, Community Development and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended (42 U.S.C. §5301, et seq.); of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §3531, et seq.), be hereby authorized to accept grants for the purpose of carrying out an approved Community Development Block Grant program for the Town of Greenwich.

The Moderator opened the public hearing at 8:25 P.M.

The Moderator closed the public hearing at 8:31 P.M.

Samuel Deibler, Commissioner on Commission on Aging offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded.

3. Resolved, the Town of Greenwich accept a gift of two poured cement benches with arms valued at \$3600.00 from:

**Mr. & Mrs. Dick Glasebrook
515 North Street
Greenwich, CT 06830**

**Mr. & Mrs. Ray Dalio
40 Glenwood Road
Greenwich, CT 06830**

**Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weir
One Milbank - Apt 3G
Greenwich, CT 06830**

**Mr. & Mrs Gerald Puschel
48 Mayfair Lane
Greenwich, CT 06830**

John N. Crary, Town Administrator, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded.

5. RESOLVED, that the sum of \$35,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Capital Account Number Z312-59620-29024, known as “Riversville Road Bridge”.

The vote was now on the combined items.

In Favor	-	197
Against	-	0
Abstentions	-	3

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that a non-agenda Item was now before the meeting.

Gordon A. Ennis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, offered a sense of the meeting resolution as a non-agenda item seeking information on leases of Town Property.

The vote was now on whether to consider the non-agenda sense of the meeting resolution.

In Favor	-	100
Against	-	99
Abstentions	-	2

Motion lost because of the failure to obtain the two-thirds majority.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 6 was now before the meeting.

J. William Drake, Chairman of the Budget Overview Committee, offered on behalf of the committee the following resolution.

6. WHEREAS in 2010 the United States economy continues in an adverse economic climate, causing sustained fiscal pressures on local, state and federal governments;

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich faces continued financial stress as evidenced by lower projected revenues and higher projected costs;

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich Grand List is expected to decrease compared to pre-recession levels;

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich is likely to face a reduction in state and federal aid;

WHEREAS the Town's fixed expenses for health care and pensions are increasing at a faster rate than inflation; and the Town's debt obligations are growing faster than the Grand List;

WHEREAS a more sustainable and affordable budget is in the long-term interests of Town government, residents, and employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the meeting that the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) with the Board of Education (BOE), the Board of Selectmen (BOS), and all appointing authorities develop a fiscal policy based on savings and restraint that will control the rate of spending for 2011-12 to lessen the tax burden on Town residents and businesses with the following recommendations in mind:

- **Reduce the rate of increase in Town's operating spending**
- **Lessen the rate of growth of the tax burden on Town residents and businesses**
- **Moderate the level of debt for which the Town is obligated**
- **Improve the transparency and clarity of the budget information**

Valerie Stauffer, Chairman of District 7, made a motion to amend Item No. 6, which was duly moved and seconded.

WHEREAS in 2010 the United States economy continues in an adverse economic climate, causing sustained fiscal pressures on local, state and federal governments;

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich faces continued financial stress as evidenced by lower projected revenues and higher projected costs;

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich Grand List is expected to decrease compared to pre-recession levels;

WHEREAS the Town of Greenwich is likely to face a reduction in state and federal aid;

WHEREAS the Town's fixed expenses for health care and pensions are increasing at a faster rate than inflation; and the Town's debt obligations are growing faster than the Grand List;

WHEREAS a more sustainable and affordable budget is in the long-term interests of Town government, residents, and employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the meeting that the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) with the Board of Education (BOE), [the Board of Selectmen (BOS)] the First Selectman, the RTM and all appointing authorities develop a fiscal policy based on savings and restraint that will control the rate of spending for 2011-2012 and budgets going forward to lessen the tax burden on Town residents and businesses with the following recommendations in mind:

- **Reduce the rate of increase in Town's operating spending**

- **Lessen the rate of growth of the tax burden on Town residents and businesses**
- **Moderate the level of debt for which the Town is obligated**
- **Improve the communication of relevant budget information**

The vote was now on Valerie Stauffer's motion to amend regarding Item No. 6.

In Favor	-	178
Against	-	14
Abstentions	-	7

Motion Carried

Lucy B. Krasnor, member of District 5, made a motion to limit debate to three minutes for all speakers.

Motion Carried

The vote was now on Item No. 6 as amended.

In Favor	-	135
Against	-	41
Abstentions	-	12

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 10:30 P.M.

ATTEST:
 CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
 TOWN CLERK