



Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held on the Moderator's Hall of Central Middle School on Monday December 8, 2003 at 8:00 P.M.(E.S.T.).

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

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.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Attendance cards were presented showing 164 present, 63 absent and 2 vacancies.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the October 27, 2003 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. The Moderator asked if there were any corrections or comments, there being none, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

The members recognized the years of service and contributions of Benjamin Bacon, Mary Jane Frost, Elizabeth Pyle and Charles Standard of District 5 who were attending their last meeting as members of RTM.

Paul Curtis presented a report of the Special Committee on Tax Abatement for Surviving Spouses of Fire and Police Officers.

The Moderator suggested a motion to suspend the rules and combine items 2,4,7,8 & 9 and to consider separately Items 1,3 & 5. Item 6 had been withdrawn. The motion was moved and seconded.

Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 1 on the call was now before the meeting.

Douglas Wells, chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 1.

RESOLVED, that the rules of the RTM, Section III. Organization and Procedures, Subsection I., Procedures at Meetings, be amended to add a new Paragraph 5 as follows:

There shall be a Consent Calendar on which shall be entered such resolutions as the Moderator, the Committee Chairpersons and District Chairpersons shall designate, which shall be proposed to the RTM by the Moderator in the form of a Motion to Move to the Consent Calendar. All resolutions designated for action on the Consent Calendar shall be passed on motion without discussion unless, at any time prior to the motion for passage, a duly seconded motion of an RTM Member requests removal of a resolution from the Consent Calendar. In that event, the movant shall have three (3) minutes to address the RTM to show cause why there should be a removal, which time may be extended, in the Moderator's discretion. The Moderator shall then call for a standing vote, and if at least twenty (20) Members

vote in favor of removal, then such resolution shall be so removed and placed on the regular call.

This resolution is effective January 1, 2004, and shall be in effect for one (1) year only, unless extended by subsequent resolution.

Mr. Wells made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend the resolution in the second paragraph, second line, after the word Moderator, add the words “upon the suggestion of” and the rest of the resolution is the same.

The vote was now on the Legislative & Rules Committee motion to amend.

In Favor	-	151
Against	-	4
Abstentions	-	1

Amendment Carried

James Boutelle of District 8 made a motion to amend Item No. 1 in the second paragraph, second line, after the word Moderator, add the words “ or in his absence the Moderator Pro Tempore”. The motion was duly moved and seconded.

Michael Spilo of District 11 made a motion, which was seconded, to refer this item to the Legislative & Rules Committee to report back at the January meeting.

The vote was now on the motion to refer.

Motion Lost

The vote was now on the Boutelle amendment.

In Favor	-	132
Against	-	26
Abstentions	-	1

Motion Carried

Janet Lockton of District 7 made a motion , which was seconded, to amend Item No. 1 in the second paragraph, at the end of the first sentence, after the words “consent calendar” add, “which designation shall be e-mailed to the district leaders the Friday preceding the next meeting”.

The vote was now on the Lockton amendment.

In Favor	-	17
Against	-	144
Abstentions	-	0

Motion Lost

The vote was now on Item No. 1 as amended.

In Favor	-	139
Against	-	20
Abstentions	-	2

Item Carried

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

Elizabeth Link, Fleet Director, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 2.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$58,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Account Number 380-59220.

James Lavin, Administrative Coordinator of Public Works, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 4.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$153,624 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Public Works' Account No. F314-59600-24104, known as "Asphalt Paving Program."

Police Chief James Walters offered the following resolutions, which were duly moved and seconded, regarding Items 7 & 8.

7. RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Police Department accept a 1999 Dodge Intrepid vehicle with a value of \$7,300.

8. RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Police Department accept a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health in the amount of \$1,667 for the

purchase of mannequins and accessories to support the Department’s Emergency Medical Services training program.

Fred Baker, Director of Operations of Board of Education, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 9.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$70,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated from “RESERVED FOR CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING FUND” to account Z68015925956023170 Western Middle School Auditorium Renovations.

The vote was now on the combined items.

In favor	-	162
Against	-	0
Abstentions	-	0

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 3 on the call was now before the meeting.

Comptroller Edward Gomeau offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 3.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$19,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Tax Collector Account No. A139-51450 – Delinquent Motor Vehicle Fees.

The vote was now on Item No. 3.

In Favor	-	148
Against	-	0
Abstentions	-	0

Item Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 5 on the call was now before the meeting.

Peter Tesei, chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 5.

RESOLVED, that the following home rule action initiated by the Board of Estimate and Taxation be adopted:

Sec. 11. Comptroller; appointment; term; salary; vacancy.

(a) The Comptroller shall be appointed by the Board of Estimate and Taxation **for a two-year term** at the meeting at which the chairman is elected. The Board shall fix the salary of the Comptroller, which shall be paid out of the general funds of the Town upon the requisition of the chairman or clerk of the Board.

(b) The Comptroller shall **serve and** hold office during the **appointed term at the will and** pleasure of the Board and until his successor shall be appointed. When any comptroller shall, in the opinion of the Board, by reason of illness or disability, become unable to discharge the duties of his office, the Board may appoint some suitable person Acting Comptroller at such compensation as the Board may fix. The Acting Comptroller, upon being duly sworn and giving a bond satisfactory to the Board, may exercise all the duties and perform all the functions of the Comptroller until such time as the Comptroller shall be found by the Board to be able to discharge the duties of his office.

(S.A. 347 § 5, 1921; as amended by S.A. 343 § 1, 1937.)

Joshua Brown, chairman of the Finance Committee, made a motion, on behalf of the committee, to amend the item as follows:

In Subsection b, second line, after the word Board, put a period, delete the rest of the sentence and add a new sentence “In case of a vacancy in the office of the Comptroller, the Board may appoint a Comptroller for the remainder of the unexpired term”.

The Finance Committee’s amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Joan Caldwell of District 10, made a motion ,on behalf of the district, to amend Item No. 5 in Subsection b, second line before the word “When” insert (c) so the rest of the paragraph will be a new Sub Sec c.

The Caldwell amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

The vote was now on Item No. 5 as amended.

In Favor	-	152
Against	-	3
Abstentions	-	1

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 9:50 P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK