



Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderator's Hall of Central Middle School on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. (E.D.T.).

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

James Plewniak, Eagle Scout Troop 9, led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Town Clerk Carmella C. Budkins swore in Marie Dolan and Luke Szymczak, new members in District 7.

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

Attendance cards were presented showing 165 present, 61 absent and 4 vacancies. The members absent in District 1 – George F. Chelwick, Norman R. Collins, Mary R. George, Timothy R. Graham, Ennala Ramcharandas, Elizabeth Sanders, Marla M. Weston; District 2 – Duncan G. Burke, Nancy B. Burke, J. Suzanne Geiss-Robbins, Jill K. Oberlander, Meredith E. Relyea; District 3 – Michael A. Aurelia; District 4 – James M. Bonney, Russell Bowman, Steven J. Bozzuto, William J. Clark, John M. Hartwell, III; District 5 – James H. Daine, Scott J. Harrington, Sr., Timothy D. Oberweger; District 6 – Walter K. Howe, George S. McBride, Nishani D. Naidoo, John E. Norrgard; District 7 – Amy H. Bibb, Rebecca S. Breed, William G. Galvin, III; District 8 – Deborah D. Berner, Jennifer L. Freitag, Martin G. Mattler, Stephen Ng, Frank A. Posluszny, Steven M. Rubin, Tiffany F. Smario; District 9 – Jane W. Arnone, John C. Caulfield, George R. Finn, Jr., John F. Toner, Ralph Vizzari, Stephen A. Warzoha; District 10 – Thomas F. Daly, Frank Denicola, David W. Detjen, Swan Grant, Nancy H. Marshall, Roger S. Shedlin, Dora P. Williams; District 11 – Ajit K. Laroia, Blake W. Mather, Daniel J. Natale, Jr., Katherine S. Prokop, Adam J. Savitz, Michael Spilo; District 12 – David F. Alfano, Timothy E. Conroy, David Livsey de Milhau, Barbara Galton Hindman, Natalie R. Queen, Bernard G. Schneider, Robert H. Stafford, III.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. The minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Lucy Krasnor, Vice Chairman of District 5, offered the following remarks recognizing the contributions and service of Mary S. Ferry.

District 5 would like to share some comments about Mary Ferry, our esteemed district leader, who chose not to run again this year as a delegate to the RTM. Since 1988, Mary has been an active and involved member of the RTM, becoming our Chairwoman in 2000. She runs a tight, fair, and efficient meeting. From 2004 to 2009, she was Vice Chairwoman of the Town Services Committee and, most recently, has been an integral part of Legislative and Rules. She was a delegate to SWRPA from 1988 to 2006, and was Vice Chairwoman of that organization from 1990 to 1996, after which she served as Treasurer for five years.

Mary's early life was spent in the South. She was born in Atlanta and graduated as valedictorian from high school in Chattanooga, Tennessee and then from the University of Tennessee, where she earned a degree in physics. After graduation, she worked at General Electric, on a project to develop nuclear propulsion aircraft.

Mary says it was her junior high school civics teacher who sparked her interest in government. This led her to become a member of the League of Women Voters in 1961, and she continued this membership after moving to Greenwich.

For more than fifty years, Mary has been a member of the League of Women Voters. She has worked on a number of studies conducted by the Greenwich League, including their town government study, the solid and hazardous waste study, and the ethics study. From 1982 to 1984, Mary was president of the LWVG, and in 2011, she was awarded the League's highest honor, the Mary Award, which had been established earlier to honor two prominent women, who were, coincidentally, also named Mary. This award is given annually to a long-term League member who has been an outstanding participant in the organization and a leader in the community.

Mary is a very unassuming and modest person who has dedicated many years of service to the town of Greenwich. Her presence on the RTM will be missed by all, especially her fellow committee members and her constituents from District 5. In the RTM Directory, Mary lists her occupation as "Community Volunteer". That is indeed an understatement. So many of us are unaware of her work because endless proofreading and other work is done behind the scenes. Doug Wells, the Chairman of the Legislative and Rules Committee, credits her with being the committee scribe. She looks at the underlying documents when she meticulously reviews all the items which come before the RTM. Her institutional memory is remarkable. It is not unusual for the town's law department to call Mary to get historical perspective on legal documents that are being prepared. She proofreads every resolution at the back of the budget and all ordinances to make sure they are in line with the town charter. She has proofread the charter and the RTM rules when they have been amended. She is like a one-woman auxiliary legal department.

Mary, we will miss your insights, your memory and your excellent suggestions and advice. Thank you for everything that you have done for us and for our town.

Genny Krob, Chairman of District 8, offered remarks recognizing the contribution and service of Nancy P. Chapin and Gordon A. Ennis.

Genny Krob, Chairman of District 8, offered the following remarks recognizing the contribution and service of the late Walter Pendleton, III.

Walter Pendleton III died on October 30, 2013, at the age of 88, from a chronic illness which he had battled for over 10 years.

Walt was a member of the Representative Town Meeting, in District 8, for 8 terms, from 1983-1999, serving for many years as our delegate to the Social Services committee.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving during World War II on the USS Quincy, which provided gunfire support during the Normandy Invasion, and after in the European Theater of Operations. He was still serving on the USS Quincy in 1945 when President Roosevelt was transported to and from the Yalta Conference. He was awarded the Victory medal, The American Theater medal and the European Theater medal, 2 stars.

Walt was a very proud resident of the Town of Greenwich and served the town in many ways. He was a member of the Greenwich Police Department, first as part of Civil Defense and later as a Special Police Officer, for over 50 years. He was one of the first EMT's on the force, taking the first class held at Greenwich Hospital in the 1970s. He also enjoyed spending time in the air and on the sea. He was a member of the Old Greenwich Yacht Club, and his family were founding members. Mike Mason's dad taught Walt how to fly in the late 1950's, and in 1963 he obtained his private pilot certificate.

We are thankful for Walt's service to the town, and ask that these remarks be included in the minutes, and a suitable copy be delivered to his son, Walter (Will) Pendleton of Greenwich, to express our sympathies to his family.

The Moderator suggested a motion, which was moved and seconded, to suspend the rules and combine items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 for voting purposes and to consider item 2 separately, which was duly moved and seconded.

Motion Carried

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

Thomas J. Byrne, Moderator, offered Item No. 1, which was postponed from the October 28, 2013 meeting.

1. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 3/31/16.

STEVEN A. CERTILMAN

David Thompson, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, offered the following resolution, which was moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 3.

3. RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works, approved by the Board of Selectmen, that the following private road be accepted as a public street, the acceptance of this road to take effect upon certification by the Commissioner of Public Works of compliance of the road with the Commissioner's requirements as to right-of-way, width, grade, alignment, drainage, drainage easements and similar features:

Douglas J. Wells, Chairman of Legislative & Rules, made a motion to amend Item No. 3 to include the road name as follows:

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works, approved by the Board of Selectmen, that the private road known as Finney Knoll Road be accepted as a public street, the acceptance of this road to take effect upon certification by the Commissioner of Public Works of compliance of the road with the

Commissioner's requirements as to right-of-way, width, grade, alignment, drainage, drainage easements and similar features:

Motion Carried

Christine L. Edwards, Member of District 8, made a motion to delete "Road" after Finney Knoll, which was duly moved and seconded.

Motion Carried

Barbara O'Neil, Acting Chair of Board of Education, offered the following substitute resolution, which was moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 4.

4. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to accept an awarded grant of \$30,000 for the Greenwich High School –Police Community Partnership Project.

Mark Pruner, Member of District 10, made a motion to amend Item No. 4, which was duly moved and seconded.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to accept an awarded grant of \$30,000 for the Greenwich High School –Police Community Partnership Project and that same shall be an appropriation to the Education budget for this program.

Motion Carried

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 5.

5. RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift valued at \$267,750.00 for the Bruce Park Improvement & Beautification Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich wishes to acknowledge Barbara and Ray Dalio for their gift and continued support for community enhancements.

Karen A. Sadik-Khan, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee, shared great appreciation from the whole Representative Town Meeting body to Barbara and Ray Dalio for this gift.

Christopher R. vonKeyserling, Chairman of Appointments Committee, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 6.

6. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 12/31/15.

AUBREY E. MEAD, JR., P. E.

Christopher R. vonKeyserling, Chairman of Appointments Committee, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 7.

7. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 12/31/17.

JOHN STANKUNAS, P.E.

Christopher R. vonKeyserling, Chairman of Appointments Committee, offered the following resolution, regarding Item No. 8.

8. RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 12/31/15.

EDWARD J. SCHMELTZ, P.E.

The vote was now on the combined items.

In Favor-	159
Against-	1
Abstentions-	2

Items Carried

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

Erford E. Porter, II, Member of District 6, offered the following resolution, which was moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 2.

2. RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this meeting that candidates for Moderator and Moderator Pro Tempore of the 2014-2015 Representative Town Meeting may file their names with a brief statement of their qualifications with the Town Clerk on or before noon of December 27, 2013, for inclusion in the Call of the January 21, 2014 meeting.

Edward D. Dadakis, Member of District 1, made a motion to move the previous question, which was duly moved and seconded.

Motion Carried

The vote was now on Item No. 2.

In Favor-	79
Against-	76
Abstentions-	6

Item Carried

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent at 9:30P.M.

ATTEST:
CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK