Pursuant to the foregoing notice a regular Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich was held in the Moderators’ Hall of Central Middle School on Monday, December 14, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.).

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

Attendance cards were presented showing 180 present, 49 absent and 1 vacancy.

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

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Town Clerk Carmella C. Budkins swore in three new members - John E. Franc in District 2, Karen A. Sadik-Kahn in District 6 and Helen H. MacCallum in District 11.

The Moderator announced that as all members had received a copy of the minutes of the October 26, 1998 meeting, the reading of the minutes would be omitted. He asked if there were any corrections or comments, there being none, the minutes were approved as submitted by unanimous consent.

Caroline Frano, chairman of District 8, reported that District 8 had adopted the following resolution unanimously at their December 10, 1998 meeting to become part of the official minutes.

WHEREAS, at a public hearing conducted by P&Z on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998 to consider the application of Treetops Homes, LLC to develop approximately 70 acres in North Mianus, a substantial body of credible evidence was presented, that would indicate that there was a significant health and safety risk to the residents of North Mianus, who will face major increases in traffic on surrounding roads which are narrow and currently do not meet minimum Town standards; and other residents of the Town of Greenwich who are dependent upon the Mianus River for their supply of drinking water, in that the subdivision will rely on septic systems for the disposal of sewage, despite credible evidence that such a sewage disposal system may not be suitable for such location; and

WHEREAS, the P&Z and the Department of Public Works (DPW) intends the sewerage of North Mianus as a major priority of the Town of Greenwich

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the impact of such development (Treetops Homes LLC) as proposed will have such result as to adversely effect the health and safety of residents, including their children, of the immediate area, as well as the general citizenry.

District 8 will continue to further oppose this project by exploring all avenues possible, including asking all appropriate standing committees review this item for evaluation. We would appreciate receiving the support of all of the members of this body in assuring that this proposed project will not threaten the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Greenwich.

The Moderator suggested a motion to suspend the rules and combine items 1, 2, 4, 8 & 9 for voting purposes and consider separately items 3, 5, 6 & 7.

The motion was duly moved and seconded.

Motion Carried

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

The Moderator announced that Item No. 1 on the call, which was postponed from the October 26, 1998 meeting, was now before the meeting.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 3/31/02:

MARY COLOMBO

The Moderator announced that Item No. 2 on the call, which was postponed from the October 26, 1998 meeting was now before the meeting.

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be re-appointed a member of the Building Code Board of Standards and Appeals for a five year term expiring 3/31/01:

THOMAS CHOLNOKY

The Moderator announced that Item No. 4 on the call was now before the meeting.

Police Chief Peter Robbins offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 4.
RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Police Department accept a grant in the amount of $15,333 (with an 11% in the amount of $1,704 already approved by the Board of Estimate and Taxation) to purchase a Police motorcycle and related equipment. The grant amount of $15,333, upon approval, will be appropriated to Account Code 219-912-9801, Automotive Equipment.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 8 on the call was now before the meeting. Joseph Siciliano, Director of Parks & Recreation, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 8.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift of $3,000 in services from the Greenwich Veterans’ Council through the Greenwich Arts Council. The gift is intended to make necessary repairs to the “War Monument”, a 1956 granite monument designed by Gino Lupinacci located in front of the Havemeyer Building at the corner of Greenwich Avenue and Arch Street.

The Moderator announced that Item No. 9 on the call was now before the meeting. Charles Graves, Assistant to the First Selectman, offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 9.

RESOLVED, that the following named persons, nominated by the Board of Selectman, be appointed members of the Central Middle School Building Committee and the Eastern Middle School Building Committee:

WALTER R. LORENZ

THOMAS L. SMARIO

The vote was now on the combined items.

In Favor - 168
Against - 1
Abstentions - 0

Items Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 3 on the call was now before the meeting. Peter Joyce, chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, offered the following substitute resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 3.

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this meeting that the 1998 Planning and Zoning Implementation Plan dated November 1998 relating to the 1998 Plan of Conservation and Development (adopted by the RTM on April 13, 1998, as submitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission to the RTM Land Use Committee for consideration as requested in the April 13, 1998 RTM sense of the meeting resolution, is hereby accepted with the understanding that further modification of this Implementation Plan will be submitted to the RTM for its June 14, 1999 meeting.

James Boutelle of District 10 made a motion, which was seconded, to limit the discussion to three minutes per speaker per item for the remainder of the meeting, including committee reports.

Motion Lost

Robert Tuthill of District 3 made a motion, which was seconded, to limit discussion to three minutes per speaker per item for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion Carried

Franklin Bloomer, Jr., chairman of the Land Use Committee, made a motion on behalf of the committee to amend Item No. 3 by striking the substitute resolution and replacing it with the following:

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this meeting that:
1. the Planning and Zoning Commission is commended for the progress it has made in the implementation of the Plan of Conservation and Development, 1998 (the "1998 Plan") and for submitting a draft implementation plan to the Representative Town Meeting at its December 1998 meeting pursuant to a sense of the meeting resolution adopted by the RTM on April 13, 1998;
2. the draft implementation plan submitted to this meeting is not ready for adoption as an addition to and as part of the 1998 Plan;

the draft implementation plan should be revised in accordance with clause (5) of this resolution and, as revised, forwarded to the RTM through its Land Use Committee for consideration and adoption as an addition to and as part of the 1998 Plan not later than the Representative Town Meeting to be held in March 1999;

the implementation plan should incorporate the following information as to each of the policies and recommendations contained in the 1998 Plan:

- a lead agency or department of the Town responsible for implementation;
- b. wherever possible, a brief statement of what action is required;
- c. an estimate of the time that would required for implementation, assuming funding; and
- a ranking of the importance or priority of the policy or recommendation on a scale of three (i.e., first second or third priority).

The vote was now on the Land Use Committee motion to amend Item No. 3.

Motion Lost
The vote was now on the substitute resolution for Item No. 3, presented by Mr. Joyce.

In Favor - 157
Against - 17
Abstentions - 1
Item Carried

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

Police Chief Peter Robbins offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded regarding Item No. 3.

RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Police Department accept a no-match grant in the amount of $370,126 from the Department of Justice - Violence Against Women - Grants to Encourage Arrests Policies. Upon approval, the same amount to be appropriated to budget line items as follows: 220-195 - $124,166; 220-295 - $25,500; 220-495 - $18,540; 220-909 - $146,620; 220-921 -- $55,300.

The vote was now on Item No. 5.

In Favor - 153
Against - 14
Abstentions - 1
Item Carried

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

Police Chief Peter Robbins offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 6.

RESOLVED, that the amount of $34,336 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Account No. 213-101, Police Department General Services Division, Regular Salaries GPP.

James Boutelle of District 10 made a motion, which was seconded, to suspend the rules and combine Items 6 and 7 for voting purposes.
Motion Carried

The Moderator announced that Item No. 7 on the call was now before the meeting.

Police Chief Peter Robbins offered the following resolution, which was duly moved and seconded, regarding Item No. 7.

**RESOLVED, that the amount of $26,316 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to Account No. 216-101, Police Department Criminal Investigations Division, Regular Salaries GPP**

The vote was now on Item No. 6 and 7.

- In Favor - 115
- Against - 48
- Abstentions - 3

Items Carried

Dean Goss, chairman of District 1, made a motion on behalf of the district to suspend the rules and take up the following resolution not on the agenda for the meeting.

**RESOLVED, that whereas the Connecticut State Legislature has before it a proposal to bring the New England Patriots to the Hartford area and to expend state funds to build a football stadium and numerous supporting facilities, that it is the sense of the Representative Town Meeting that all State Legislators representing Greenwich be urged to vote NO on any such use of state funds.**

The Moderator announced that the Freedom of Information Act requires the RTM by a two thirds majority vote to take up a non-agenda item.

The vote was now on the District 1 motion to take up an item not on the agenda.

Motion lost for failure to garner a two thirds majority.

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting, upon unanimous consent, at 10:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

CARMELLA C. BUDKINS
TOWN CLERK