Ms. Tarkington called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. Before the business of the meeting began, outgoing members of the BET Budget Committee, at its last meeting of the Term, reminisced about their time on the Committee and how enjoyable it was to work with each other. They expressed thanks to their colleagues for their contributions to the discussions and preparation for the challenges of the annual budget cycle meetings.

**Request for Budget Adjustments**

Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to change the Order of Business to hear GM-1 GEMS Application for Release of Conditions before Application CC-2 Conservation. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

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Ms. Schietinger commented that GEMS had completed the three-year process for accreditation which fewer than 1% of professional emergency services nationwide pursue and achieve. The accreditation process provides structure and guidance to the Executive Director and staff. Reviewing highlights for the Committee, Ms. Schietinger noted: emergency transportations had increased dramatically during the second quarter; due to the agency PPE protocol no staff member had tested COVID-19 positive; call volume was up 10% year-over-year, but no consistent
pattern is evidenced; cardiac positive statistics are high (50% recovery) as a result of personnel, training and new equipment; and Station #4 construction is underway with completion anticipated within 6-months (July). A new “friend-raiser” initiative has been launched – an agency ambulance is decorated for the Christmas holiday season and visits neighbors around Greenwich to increase visibility and recognition of GEMS. The Committee noted the increase in training revenue and learned that attendance at training sessions increased because hybrid sessions were launched (in-person and via ZOOM) expanding the session audience. GEMS savings in salary and benefits costs were recognized.

Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarity, to approve the release of conditions on $2,391,153 for the 2nd half of GEM’s contribution, and recommend it to the full BET as a Non-Routine Application. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Ramer and Ms. Tarkington extended congratulations to GEMS Board and staff for their accreditation award and excellent services to the Town.

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Ms. Sesto explained that the first phase of the Coastal Resiliency Plan had overruns because it was learned during the process that the planned method to engage the public was impacted due to COVID-19. More work needed to be done and a team of Department heads and a consultant together prepared a story-map. In response to a question, it was identified that the first phase of the plan was funded by bonding and this appropriation, if approved, would be funded from the Capital Non-Recurring Fund. It was suggested that the description in the application identify that the requested appropriation includes $2,000 for contingencies. A member of the Committee suggested that Ms. Sesto ask the Town Administrator, Benjamin Branyan, if the Coastal Resiliency Plan qualifies for American Rescue Plan funding. A timetable for the story-map was requested for the BET meeting package.

Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to approve the additional appropriation of $13,700, and recommend it to the full BET as a Routine Application. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

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Mr. Miller updated the Committee on changes at TAG and results of its fundraising. He described the agency’s forecast as breakeven for yearend. Sources for its uptick in business were post-COVID-19 activity, corporate and event visibility transporting guests for the Greenwich Town Party and Concours D’Elegance Car Show. In anticipation of a reduction in food delivery service hours for the Department of Health and Neighbor to Neighbor, new sources of client revenue and grants are being sought.

Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moriarity, to approve the release of conditions on $76,000 for the 2nd half of TOG’s contribution, and recommend it to the full BET as a Non-Routine Application. The Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

TAG was thanked for its flexibility and transportation initiatives that contribute to the Town.
NEW BUSINESS

- Economic Conditions Report

Mr. Gieger reviewed the Town’s financial position to date and reported that revenues of conveyance fees, building permits, tipping fees at Holly Hill and State reimbursement of cost-sharing for Bridge projects were $8 million ahead of budget fiscal year to date. Expenses increased for pensions and cyber security. The regional cost of living increased; and low interest rates on bank deposits and CDs were contributing less to revenue income. In turn, interest rates that the Town will pay on bond borrowing during January market sales, could be correspondingly less costly.

Approval of BET Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to approve the Minutes of the Regular BET Budget Committee Meetings of November 18, 2021 and October 12, 2021, and the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Moriarty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to approve the Minutes of FY22 Budget Consolidation Day #2 held on March 4, 2021, Decision Day #1 held on March 5, 2021, and Decision Day #2 held on March 8, 2021, and the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Moriarty suggested moving the next term’s Budget Committee meetings from 5:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. to accommodate Departments attending to support their applications. Ms. Tarkington responded that due to the change in BET membership and Committee participants, she preferred to defer the choice of meeting time to the next term’s new Committee members.

Chair Remarks

Ms. Tarkington made the following comments to mark the end of the BET Budget Committee 2020-2021 term.

She expressed her gratitude to Committee members and pride in its accomplishments with the support of Finance.

- Unanimously approved the FY21 Budget as the COVID-19 pandemic began.
- Unanimously approved two separate sets of Budget Guidelines – both within the COVID Pandemic and the Zoom environment.
- Approved the FY22 Budget that we are now within.
- Approved numerous - millions of dollars – of additional Federal and State funded COVID Grant appropriations for Town departments to operate.
- Attended additional/Special Meetings as needed for department operations.
- Transitioned to in-person meetings on January 26th of this year - socially distanced and wearing masks when meetings were Hybrid Zoom. With the support of the Town’s IT staff and leadership of Channel 79, meetings were televised Live on Channels 24, 79, and YouTube.
- Accommodated the transition of Ms. Hess stepping down and Mr. Duus joining the Budget Committee in October 2020.
- Responded to the first-ever meeting cancellation during two separate snow days that occurred in the FY22 Budget Cycle, including one by attending the rescheduled meeting
as the sole Town Hall occupants until sent home due to weather conditions to continue
on the meeting on ZOOM.

Ms. Tarkington thanked each Committee member individually and expressed gratitude for
their dedication to the Town, the BET, the Budget Committee, and for their cooperative
input, and friendships. She concluded saying that the Committee’s accomplishments are
made with the wise counsel and support of Mr. Mynarski and Mr. Gieger and wished all
happy and healthy holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ramer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Duus, to adjourn the meeting
at 2:15 P.M., the Committee voted 4-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Sidor, Recording Secretary

Leslie L. Tarkington, Budget Cmte Chair

The next Regular Meeting of the BET Budget Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 11,
2022, at 5:00 P.M. in the Cone Meeting Room.