ITEM NO: 1 (Postponed from December 2020 meeting)
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: Appointments and Town Services Committees
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed a Regular Member of the Board of Ethics (R4) for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

STEPHANIE JOHNSON

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS
Stephanie Johnson, of 51 Summit Road, Riverside, 06878, has been nominated to be a Regular Member (R4) of the Board of Ethics for a term beginning upon appointment and expiring June 30, 2022.

Since 2016, Rev. Johnson has served as the senior pastor of St. Paul’s Church in Riverside. She oversees all functions of the Church ministry; provides guidance and oversight for St. Paul’s Day School and manages the parish’s finances. Rev. Johnson serves the Executive Committee of the Greenwich Clergy Fellowship and has served as the chair the Episcopal National Committee on Creation Care and Climate Change.

Previously, she worked as a planning consultant for Town of Yorktown, NY and as a manager and associate city planner in Valhalla, NY. She earned her Bachelor’s degree from Fordham University; a Diploma in public policy from the University of Stockholm, and a Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology from Yale Divinity School.
ITEM NO.: 2  
DEPARTMENT: Board of Education  
CONTACT: Dan Watson 625-7437 daniel_watson@greenwich.k12.ct.us  
REFERRED TO: Education, Finance, and Public Works Committees  
VOTES:  
Board of Education  8-0-0  (December 10, 2020)  
BET  12-0-0  (December 18, 2020)  

RESOLVED, that the sum of $1,477,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated from “RESERVED FOR CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING FUND” to account B6800589, Project TBD for costs associated with the HVAC Replacement at Cos Cob School.  

- **B6800589**  
  Project # TBD  
  **$1,477,000**  

**EXPLANATORY COMMENTS**  
Set forth reasons the adjustment is required, the factors involved in arriving at cost, and the status of the account from which the transfer is made.  

The BET has approved this request and has determined that these funds will be bonded. The bonding resolution by the BET follows.  

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $1,477,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT COS COB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE**  

WHEREAS, the Board of Estimate and Taxation (“BET”) and the Representative Town Meeting have approved specific appropriations for the replacement of the ventilation and air conditioning system at Cos Cob Elementary School in various capital projects in the Town’s Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.  

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:  

Section 1. To meet the portion of the approved capital budget appropriations for the replacement of the ventilation and air conditioning system at Cos Cob Elementary School in various capital projects in the Town’s Capital budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (collectively, the “Cos Cob HVAC Project”), $1,477,000 general obligation bonds of the Town are authorized to be issued in one or more series, maturing in annual installments of principal in compliance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended from time to time (the “Connecticut General Statutes”), provided the final installment shall be due not later than the fifth year after their date. The bonds shall be in the denomination of $5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation or another authorized BET member designated by the Chairman and the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Comptroller, have the seal of the Town affixed and attested by the Town Clerk, be certified by a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by
nationally-recognized bond counsel. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon.

Section 2. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, and the manner of issue and sale shall be determined by the Comptroller, provided the bonds shall be issued in amounts which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the costs of issuance of such bonds. The annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest payable thereon, shall be determined by the Comptroller, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Comptroller, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be approved by the Comptroller.

Section 4. The Comptroller is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation or another authorized BET member designated by the Chairman and the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Comptroller, have the seal of the Town affixed and attested by the Town Clerk, be approved as to their legality by nationally-recognized bond counsel, and be certified by and payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Comptroller, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a capital cost of the Cos Cob HVAC Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any temporary borrowings then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.
Section 5. The Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, the Treasurer and the Comptroller are hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to apply for any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Cos Cob HVAC Project.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this Resolution in the maximum amount and for the Cos Cob HVAC Project with the proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Cos Cob HVAC Project, or such later date as the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of Tax Exempt Obligations.

Section 7. The Comptroller is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this Resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The time for the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations authorized hereunder shall not be limited but shall remain in full force and effect until all payments are made and all borrowings completed for the Cos Cob HVAC Project financed by such bonds or other obligations.

Section 9. The Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation or another authorized BET member designated by the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Comptroller are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Resolution and to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others in connection therewith.

ATTACHMENTS
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ITEM NO: 4
DEPARTMENT: Members of District 9
CONTACT: Betsey S. Frumin, 203-531-7203 betsey@nacca.com
REFERRED TO: Education, Legislative & Rules, Land Use, and Parks & Recreation Committees
VOTES: n/a
Whereas, the proposed plan to update the Greenwich High School Cardinal Stadium ("Cardinal Stadium Project") will involve many different phases of construction as well as significant changes to the existing infrastructure and could cost more than 20 million dollars depending on what approvals are applied for and obtained; and

Whereas, the Cardinal Stadium Project will impact not only the Greenwich High School community but the entire Town of Greenwich; and

Whereas, review and oversight of the Cardinal Stadium Project should be a process involving not only the Greenwich Board of Education, but also the Greenwich High School community as a whole, Town of Greenwich officials, the Greenwich Department of Public Works and the citizens of Greenwich; and

Whereas, the established practice of forming a building committee to oversee significant public construction projects in the Town of Greenwich has been highly successful, given the wealth of Greenwich residents with extraordinary experience who are willing to donate their time and expertise.

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that it is the sense of this RTM that (i) a building committee should be nominated by the Board of Selectman and approved by the RTM to oversee all phases of the Cardinal Stadium Project; and (ii) no further expenditures for the Cardinal Stadium Project be considered until such committee is formed.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS
The planning and reconstruction of the new GHS Cardinal Stadium is a multi-phased, multi-million-dollar project that will have significant impact on the entire Town now and in the future, given its projected widespread use and highly visible location. Although a preliminary phase of this very large project is under way, decisions concerning each successive phase will have impact on the project as a whole. There is no question that since a project of this magnitude stands to affect so many different programs throughout the Greenwich community, it should have the best planning and oversight the Town can provide. The District 9 SOMR proposes that in kind with past and current construction projects at Greenwich schools, a building committee be nominated by the Board of Selectman and approved by the RTM to oversee all phases of the Cardinal Stadium project, and that no further expenditures for this project be considered until this building committee is seated.

The Town of Greenwich has been extremely well served by the building committee model in construction of town school projects, which was most recently recognized in the First Selectman’s appointment and RTM approval of a building committee for the GHS security vestibule project. The vestibule project is significantly smaller in size and scope than the GHS stadium project, but a building committee for the vestibule project has been approved and seated, comprised of highly skilled individuals from the Greenwich community with expertise in school planning and construction, Board of Education and BET members, GHS teachers and staff, PTA representatives, and others with knowledge of disabilities access and the building committee process. The many steps involved in designing and constructing a new stadium at the Town’s only public high school would clearly benefit from the guidance of a building committee with similar experience and attributes. Greenwich is a town...
graced with talented residents at the ready to contribute their knowledge to the design and construction of this important project.

The stadium project began with the concept phase in 2016. Under the current “phase schedule” provided by the BOE, the stadium project will take another four to six years to complete. The time estimates are based on necessary design changes, land use permits, infrastructure completion and budgetary approvals. During the first phases of the design and permitting for the project, several Town administrators and elected officials have come and gone. This pattern may hold true over the course of the next four to six years. A building committee will ensure the continuity of the project and thereby its efficiency as the project progresses through to the final stage.

It is the belief of District 9 that all town projects require consistent standardization and transparency, and that forming a building committee for the Cardinal Stadium project will ensure that these goals are met. Reporting to the RTM has been one of the most important roles undertaken by building committees approved by the body, and regular updates on a project as large as the Cardinal stadium are vital. District 9 also believes that a building committee will be best positioned to secure private funding to enhance amenities for the stadium project that may be beyond the scope of the Town’s budgetary process.

Simply put, a community project as large, expensive and visible as the Cardinal stadium requires community involvement to make sure that the best outcome is achieved for GHS students, Greenwich taxpayers and the generations of residents who will use this facility

WHEREAS, an application pursuant to Section 99 of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich having been filed by Alan Monelli, Superintendent of the Building Construction & Maintenance Division of the Department of Public Works, authorized agent for the Town of Greenwich, for a Municipal Improvement, for demolition and reconstruction of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center located at 90 Harding Road;

WHEREAS, said application for Municipal Improvement was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 17, 2020, a notice of which approval was posted on November 24, 2020;

WHEREAS, said application has been referred to the Representative Town Meeting by property owners Robert Burton, Randy Caravella, Richard Fulton, Mike Jedlicka, Rick Kral, Abbe Large and Liz Tommaasino, members of the Executive Board of the Greenwich Athletic Foundation, pursuant to Section 100 of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich:

RESOLVED, that the application pursuant to Section 99 of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich for a Municipal Improvement for demolition and reconstruction of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center located at 90 Harding Road.
Harding Road is hereby approved by the Representative Town Meeting.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

See attached (Separate packet)

ITEM NO: 6
DEPARTMENT: Community Development
CONTACT: Tyler Fairbairn, Community Development/Grants Administrator
REFERRED TO: Finance, Health & Human Services, Legislative & Rules Committees
VOTES: Community Development Advisory Committee, voted __-0-0 12/3/20
Board of Estimate and Taxation, voted 12-0 12/17/20

APPROVED RESOLUTION BY THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
FOR A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE
PROGRAM YEAR 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN and
2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
(RTM January 19, 2021 MEETING)

RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting, at its June 8, 2020 meeting, approved and adopted the Town of Greenwich, CT Five-Year Consolidated Plan (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025), inclusive of the Citizen Participation Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, and CDBG Entitlement Program Proposed Annual Action Plan, Program Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; and that the Representative Town Meeting authorized the First Selectman to prepare the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program Proposed Annual Action Plan, Program Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) and to apply for and accept funds for the purpose of carrying out housing and community development programs, as approved for Town Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021); and

RESOLVED, that on September 29, 2020 the Town was notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that it had been allocated an additional $386,590.00 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds to be used specifically to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Town’s CDBG Program policies and procedures, a substantial amendment to the Town’s approved Annual Action Plan is required for an increase or decrease in funds in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the original Program Year 2020 entitlement allocation of $827,693.00.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS
Authorization is requested for the Community Development Office to substantially amend the Town’s Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2020 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) in connection with the approved Five-Year Consolidated Plan covering CDBG Program Years 2020-2024. The CARES Act,
signed into law on March 27, 2020, authorizes funding directly to CDBG entitlement communities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Hartford Field Office has requested that CDBG-CV recipients amend their existing Annual Action Plans to include the most recent round of CDBG-CV funding.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) held a public hearing on the use of CDBG-CV funding on December 2, 2020. The First Selectman subsequently held a public hearing on the use of CDBG-CV funding, inclusive of recommendations for individual grants made by the CDAC, on December 9, 2020. The Board of Estimate and Taxation’s (BET) Resolution on the use of CDBG-CV funding as a substantial amendment to the Town’s PY2020 Annual Action Plan was adopted at its meeting and public hearing on December 17, 2020.

The RTM has historically combined both Resolutions for action. The amount of the Program Year 2020 CDBG entitlement funding for the Town of Greenwich from HUD is $827,693.00, thus the recent allocation of $386,590.00 exceeds the twenty percent threshold necessitating a substantial amendment ($165,538.60). One hundred percent of the CDBG-CV funds must be allocated to projects that “prevent, prepare for and respond to” the COVID-19 outbreak. Per local policies and HUD requirements, the allocation of CDBG-CV funding has been developed with maximum citizen participation, including virtual public meetings and public hearings, to allow for review and comment.

**Attachments**

Funding recommendations for the Town’s $386,590.00 allocation of CDBG-CV funding, including $30,468.00 in previously allocated CDBG-CV funding that was returned by the grantee, for a total of $417,058.00.

**ITEM NO:** 7  
**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the First Selectman  
**REFERRED TO:** Appointments and Land Use Committees  
**CONTACT:** Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org  
**VOTES:** Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals (A2) for a term expiring October 31, 2024.

ROBERT BAROLAK

**EXPLANATORY COMMENTS**

Robert Barolak, of 44 Indian Head Road, Riverside, 06878, has been nominated to be an Alternate Member (A2) of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals, expiring October 31, 2024.

Mr. Barolak is a lawyer who is involved with multi-family and nursing home real estate finance with Greystone & Co. He is co-chief operating officer of the firm that is a provider of agency loans such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and FHA. For six years he has been Greystone’s head of affordable housing...
ownership and development managing two businesses, Harmony Housing and Greystone Affordable Development.

A resident since 1994, Mr. Barolak is the Commodore of the Riverside Yacht Club. He previously was Senior Warden at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from Dickinson College and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

ITEM NO: 8
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
REFERRED TO: Appointments and Land Use Committees
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals (A3) for a term expiring October 31, 2021.

J. ERIC IVESTER

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

J. Eric Ivester, of 11 Indian Point Lane, Riverside, 06878, has been nominated to be an Alternate Member (A3) of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals, beginning upon appointment and expiring October 31, 2021.

Mr. Ivester recently retired as a partner with the firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom where for nearly 35 years he practiced law in the area of corporate restructuring and bankruptcy. He was involved in some of the country’s largest restructurings including Hostess Brands, SunEdison, Inc., DISH Network and Kmart Corporation. Mr. Ivester also held several leadership positions with the firm including serving as Counsel Committee Chair and as a member of the Financial Oversight Advisory Committee.

A resident since 2012, Mr. Ivester also volunteers with Meals on Wheels. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where he earned his Bachelor’s degree and his JD, with highest honors.

ITEM NO: 9
DEPARTMENT: 20 Registered Voters
CONTACT: Bill Lewis, RTM District 1; 203-564-0853; lewis68b@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Finance, Town Services, and Transportation Committees
VOTES: n/a
RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this Meeting that the Greenwich Police should be returned to their traditional role directing traffic on Greenwich Avenue, as their presence has been an essential part of the town’s character for many decades.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS
We offer this SOMR to engage the community in the decision of whether to continue having police officers direct traffic on Greenwich Avenue.

It is widely accepted that the police on The Avenue provide pedestrian safety especially at the chaotic intersection of Arch Street and Havemeyer Place. Traffic lights are not an option because they are too inefficient to recognize the stop and go nature of Greenwich Avenue traffic. Stop signs are helpful but the police presence is the only way to protect the pedestrians and even the motorists. That is why we believe the police should be re-installed on Greenwich Avenue.

In terms of background, In January 2019, well before the pandemic came to light, First Selectman Camillo removed from his 2021-2022 budget funding for police to continue directing traffic on the avenue. The BET then took the rare step of adding the money back, a move ratified by the RTM at our May 2020 meeting.

Nevertheless, the police were kept off duty, and a plan was implemented to promote a redesign of the intersections, beginning with the intersection of the Avenue and Elm Street. The plan, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, is to “bumpout” the sidewalks and to elevate the crosswalks.

We do not believe this plan solves the critical problem of pedestrian safety or vehicular safety and flow.

Elevating a crosswalk at a stop sign does nothing for safety. A couple of inches of elevation doesn’t enhance visibility, especially when it is right in front of a car, stopped at a stop sign.

The crossing distance is not “shortened.” Pedestrians will still be crossing two lanes of traffic. In the current configuration they begin from beside a concrete based stop sign. In the new plan, they start from a “bumpout” sidewalk, all at the exact same spot.

The plan is not disability friendly. Currently there are gradual ramps going up from the crosswalks to the sidewalks, as there are all over town. Additionally, if you were disabled would you prefer a police officer standing there holding up traffic as he ensures you make it across safely?

It should be noted that the expenses for the “improvements” exceed the amounts initially appropriated, requiring the town to reduce the project scope and take funds from the disability budget and from the DPW’s “drainage” budget.

The “bumpout” plan entails the elimination of four parking spaces at East Elm St. If these “bumpouts” are installed at other intersections on the avenue -- which is the plan--the loss of spaces on the avenue will be significant to merchants and shoppers. This would be in addition to spaces lost due to the expansion of outside dining. Nevertheless, a DPW official at the Oct. 14 meeting stated
that the merchants in business at that intersection didn’t “have problems” with the loss of parking. A subsequent investigation by some petitioners revealed that that statement was, in a word, false.

There is no financial benefit to removing the officers from the Avenue as the town has already indicated they will keep the same number of officers on the street, just walking a beat or riding on a bicycle. We believe it would be much more useful to have them assuring pedestrian safety.

In summary, the police directing traffic on the Avenue has been a long tradition going back many decades and it is a key element of what makes Greenwich not only special but distinguishes it from every other community. There is no financial or safety argument for the radical change that is being proposed.

Police have been a tradition on Greenwich Avenue for at least a century. Regardless of whether you are for them or against them, we can all agree that there should be a widespread community discussion before removing them. Therefore, we are asking the RTM, the representatives of the people, to express their opinion by voting on this SOMR.

**ATTACHMENTS**
SEE ATTACHED petition signatures(Separate Attachment)