



**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GREENWICH**

**EXPLANATORY COMMENTS FOR
APRIL 2021 MEETING**

ITEM NO: *1*
DEPARTMENT: Moderator
CONTACT: Thomas J. Byrne, tombyrnertm@aol.com
REFERRED TO: *All Committees*
VOTES: n/a

RESOLVED, that the regular meeting date for the September 2021 RTM meeting shall be September 27 and the district and committee meetings shall be the week of September 20, 2021.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Due to a conflict with Yom Kippur, all September meeting dates, including committees and districts, are pushed back one week.

ITEM NO: *2*
DEPARTMENT: Fire Department
CONTACT: Asst Fire Chief Brian Koczak – 203-622-3952 – bkoczak@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Entered by Town Clerk*
VOTES: *Board of Estimate & Taxation* 12-0-0

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$231,610 be and the same is hereby appropriated from “GENERAL FUND BALANCE” to account A205-51100 Payment for Overtime Services.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The payment for OT services line will be overdrawn shortly due to COVID-19 expenses and many vacancies due to retirements during this fiscal year. Isolation for employees who contracted COVID and quarantine requirements resulting from close contact with COVID+ cases both on and off the job accounted for \$245,560 of overtime incurred as of 2/1/21. Nine retirements created vacancies throughout the 20/21 FY that have increased OT use by \$152,679 to cover vacant shifts and to pay for promoted employees to attend certification classes that are required for their new positions by contract. The total deficit of \$398,327 will be covered by this additional appropriation along with a separate request for transfer using surplus funds from retirements (\$166,717) in the regular salaries line.

ATTACHMENTS

A205 – 51010 Salary Surplus from Retirements Calculations (separate packet)
COVID Overtime Incurred (separate packet)
A205 Appropriations Statement as of 3-3-21 (separate packet)

ITEM NO: 3
DEPARTMENT: Board of Ethics/Board of Selectmen
CONTACT: Paul de Bary, Chairman-Board of Ethics
paul@debaryl.com; (203)661-4652
Aamina Ahmad, (203) 622-7876 Aamina.Ahmad@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Legislative & Rules and Town Services Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0

RESOLVED, that Section 2-9 of Chapter 2, Administration, Article 2 – Code of Ethics of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Greenwich is amended as follows:

Sec. 2-9. - Disclosure of financial interests.

~~Within thirty (30) days after the end of each fiscal year each~~(1) Any town officer having a substantial financial interest in one (1) or more transactions with the town totaling two hundred dollars (\$~~100~~200.) or more in the year, or such other threshold amount as may be established by the Board of Ethics from time to time, shall file a written statement disclosing his position as a town officer, the nature of his interest in each transaction and the total amount received or expected to be received from such transactions during such year. Such statements shall be ~~signed under oath and in form prescribed by the Board of Ethics and shall be~~ filed in the office of the Town Clerk as promptly as possible after the town officer becomes aware of such interest.

(2) In lieu of filing reports as provided above, town officers may submit reports using an electronic system supervised by the Board of Ethics. Each town officer using such electronic system may be required to agree to the terms and conditions established for the use of the system. The Board of Ethics shall coordinate with the Town Clerk to ensure that appropriate details from reports made using any such system become part of the official records of the town and are made reasonably available to the citizens of the town in a manner consistent with the purposes of this Code.

(3) The Board of Ethics is authorized from time to time to evaluate the threshold for reporting provided for in this Section and to adjust the threshold to represent an insubstantial financial interest at the time the adjustment is made, as determined by the Board of Ethics in its reasonable discretion.

(Ords. & Reg., § 6-5, 3/8/65; RTM ___)

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

In its recent Annual Reports to the Selectmen and the RTM, as required by the Code of Ethics, the Board of Ethics has recommended that the Town implement an online filing system for ethics disclosure reports. The current

system was established in 1965 and requires notarized paper filings with the Town Clerk. In addition, the current threshold amount of \$100 was established in 1965. During the current global pandemic, the closure of Town Hall and many banking and law offices made compliance with the requirements of the Code highly inconvenient and highlighted the benefits of amending the Code to permit the use of a system of reporting more in keeping with 21st Century practices. The proposed amendments were approved by the Board of Ethics and the Board of Selectmen. The proposal increases the threshold amount for a town officer reporting a financial interest from One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars to Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars and also gives the Board of Ethics, in its reasonable discretion, the ability to increase this amount from time to time. The proposal also establishes an electronic reporting system, but preserves the ability of town officers to use a paper filing system as an alternative. The requirement that reports be notarized was removed in the belief that the disclosure itself makes compliance with the requirement self-evident. However, filers under the electronic system will be required to agree to terms and conditions in order to protect against identity misuse.

ITEM NO: 4
DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works
CONTACT: Amy Siebert (203) 622-7740 Amy.Siebert@greenwichct.org
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REFERRED TO: *Finance, Legislative & Rules and Public Works Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 2-1

RESOLVED, that Section 9-5 of Chapter 9, Waste and Litter, Article 1 – Waste Collection and Disposal of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Greenwich is amended as follows:

Sec. 9-5. - Transportation and disposal required; fees.

All acceptable solid waste shall be transported to the Town disposal area. All bulky waste shall be loaded and transported to any place as directed and designated by the Superintendent.

Each licensed waste collector transporting acceptable solid waste to the Town disposal area shall pay a tipping fee on each ton of acceptable solid waste delivered by such licensed waste collector to the Town disposal area. The amount of such tipping fee and the method of payment shall be established by the Commissioner after consultation with and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

Any town residents who wish to deliver acceptable solid waste or any other material collected at Holly Hill for disposal, generated at their residence directly to the Town disposal area without the use of a licensed waste collector shall be subject to an annual permit fee for site access as established by the Commissioner after consultation with and approval by the Board of Selectmen not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per household.

~~The second and third paragraphs of this section shall cease to be effective on October 31, 2021, unless sooner extended by action of the Representative Town Meeting. In addition, it is recommended that the First Selectman form an advisory committee with varying points of view to review the Town's waste management options.~~

(RTM, 9/21/2009; RTM, 5/11/2020; RTM, ___ 2021.)

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

In 2020, as part of the FY 20/21 budget deliberations, tipping fees for municipal solid waste (MSW) were proposed. The RTM amended the Town's Code of Ordinances in May 2020 to allow for their implementation. Section 9-5 of Chapter 9, Waste and Litter was amended to allow the Department of Public Works (DPW) to charge commercial haulers a tipping fee for disposing of MSW as well as implementing a paid permit system for residents using Holly Hill. The language adopted by the RTM included a sunset clause of October 31, 2021. In addition, the language recommended that the First Selectman form an advisory committee to look into various waste management options.

In June 2020, DPW put into place the processes needed to implement commercial hauler tipping fees and a residential permit program. Also in 2020, the First Selectman appointed a Waste Management Committee, which continues to examine a variety of waste management options. DPW now has operating data demonstrating that commercial hauler tipping fees have been successfully implemented. The tipping program has matched or exceeded expectations; MSW tipped from Holly Hill is down by 1/3 saving the town approximately \$1mm, savings combined with permit and tipping fees will have a positive impact to both the FY21 and FY22 budget of over \$3.4mm annually. The permit program, with a recommendation to make it clearer it is for site access, has also been very popular with residents, with over 7,000 permits sold in the current fiscal year, almost three times the original projection of 2,500.

Unfortunately, the sunset date currently in the ordinance does not coincide with the Town's fiscal year, making it difficult to budget for FY 21/22, let alone manage a residential permit system where the permit fee sunsets three months into the permit period. Given the success of the commercial tipping fee implementation, the progress made with the permit program, and the need to provide a straightforward basis for the Town's budget, the modifications to Section 9-5 are being proposed. These include removing the sunset clause, refining language with respect to the residential permit, and eliminating the language calling for a committee. However, the committee that was formed as a result of the May 2020 amendments continues to review the Town's waste management options.

Given that at this time, virtually all waste material removed from Holly Hill comes at a cost to the budget, the tipping fees and the permit program will continue to help support the budget needed for waste disposal and recycling.

ITEM NO: 5
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichet.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments and Land Use Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed an Alternate Member (A3) of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a term expiring October 31, 2023.

KLAUS JANDER

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Klaus Jander of 307 Stanwich Road, Greenwich 06830, has been nominated to be an Alternate Member (A3) of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a term expiring October 31, 2023.

Mr. Jander has been an Agency member since 2016, regularly attending meetings, reviewing plans and participating in on-site inspections. A former RTM member, he served on the Land Use and Claims committees.

A Greenwich resident since 1978, Mr. Jander emigrated from Germany in 1953. He graduated from City University of New York (Queens College) with a Bachelor’s degree and from Cornell University Law School. A lawyer, he retired from Clifford Chance LLP in 2006 and continues to perform pro bono work for numerous clients and serves as a director of corporate boards and is a member of various social organizations.

ITEM NO: 6
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments and Health & Human 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 Human Services (R1) for a term beginning on July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024.

SUSAN WARNER

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Susan Warner of 22 Split Timber Place, Riverside, 06878, has been nominated to be a Regular Member (R1) of the Board of Human Services for a term expiring June 30, 2024.

Ms. Warner is an active volunteer in the Greenwich community having served as a Girl Scout troop leader, cheerleading coach for the North Mianus Bulldogs, a volunteer with Greenwich Special Olympics since 1997, the Greenwich Youth Cheerleading League and the board of the Emily Catherine Fedorko Foundation.

Ms. Warner is the global head of talent and community engagement at Mastercard where she is responsible for talent engagement, global employee volunteerism and global disaster response. Previously, she served as senior director for corporate communications for Time Warner Cable where

she led the company’s global literacy program and created STEM curriculums. Ms. Warner earned her Bachelor’s degree from Hartwick College where she is a member of the Board of Trustees.

ITEM NO: 7
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use and Parks & Recreation 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 Harbor Management Commission (R7) for a term beginning upon appointment and expiring March 31, 2023.

CORNELIA ELISABETH ‘BETH’ FORBES

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Cornelia Elisabeth ‘Beth’ Forbes, of 7 Maher Ave., Greenwich, 06830, has been nominated to be a Regular Member (R7) of the Harbor Management Commission, beginning upon appointment and expiring March 31, 2023.

Ms. Forbes’ community service includes membership with the Junior League of Greenwich since 1993; the Bruce Museum Young Friends committee and its marketing/membership committee; the Children’s Day School Board of Directors, and the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Board of Directors.

Ms. Forbes is the Chief Operating Officer for the Michigan State University Investment Office. She earned a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from Stetson University, a Master’s in Taxation from Georgia State University and an MBA with a focus on strategy from Southern Methodist University.

ITEM NO: 8
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use and Parks & Recreation 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 (R3) to the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2024.

C. JEFFERSON PARKER JR.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

C. Jefferson Parker Jr., has been nominated to be a Regular Member (R3) of the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring March 31, 2024.

Mr. Parker has spent most of his professional life in the financial services industry. He provides personalized wealth management for his clients as first vice president – wealth management with UBS. He previously was a vice president with Merrill Lynch and Smith Barney. He earned both his bachelor of arts in economics and his master in business administration – management of organizations from Columbia University.

A Greenwich resident since 1964, Mr. Parker has been involved in boating, primarily sailing, since childhood. Since college, he also has been involved with heavyweight rowing and continues to compete in Master’s rowing regattas. Currently, he serves as an alternate member of the Harbor Management Commission. He is a member of the Riverside Yacht Club and the owner of several boats. He has served the Commission since 2018.

His community involvement includes serving as a current alternate member of the Greenwich Conservation Commission, acting chairman of the Greenwich Choral Society, treasurer of Call-A-Ride, the GCC Energy Committee and serves in the vestry, lector and choir of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.

ITEM NO: 9
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use and Parks & Recreation Committees*
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 Harbor Management Commission (A2) for a term expiring March 31, 2023.

FRIDOLF HANSON

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Fridolf Hanson, of 355 Shore Road, Greenwich, 06830, has been nominated to be an Alternate Member (A2) of the Harbor Management Commission, expiring March 31, 2023.

Mr. Hanson was raised in Greenwich and grew up sailing on Long Island Sound. The impact of sailing on The Sound has provided him a positive impact on life and he is seeking to give back to the Town where he has lived since 1997.

The interim request must cover the emergency response required. These items include: swift water clean-up, immediate environmental monitoring to remove instructional items impacted by the flood, emergency response remediation and demolition, shutting off all water to the impacted area and reestablishing fire suppression systems for the rest of the building, and other work completed to ensure the building was safe for immediate construction and remediation. The interim request also covers the construction necessary to remove and replace the faulty ceilings. In addition, large storage containers were brought in to clear out the impacted portions of the building in tandem with a professional moving company, and then relocate 15 classrooms across the district. As listed in the estimate provided, there are costs associated with the replacement of security cameras, and transportation of students from February through June to the alternate location sites. North Mianus previously ran two buses, and an additional 8 routes were needed to safely socially distance while transporting students to their new sites.

While some of the project will eventually be covered through insurance, the replacement of the unsafe ceilings where flooding did not occur, are not covered through insurance.

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 pending meeting date of April 9,2021. The bonding resolution by the BET follows.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CEILING AT NORTH MIANUS 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 cost associated with the ceiling at North Mianus Elementary School.

ATTACHMENTS

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS