



REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING TOWN OF GREENWICH

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016 MEETING

ITEM NO: 1- postponed from the September meeting
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee 16.08.24
CONTACT: John Eddy 203-550-7122 rtm@johneddy.com
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use, Public Works Committees*
VOTES: RTM Appointments Committee **Votes:** 11-0-0 D2 Absent

RESOLVED, that the following named person, re-nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed as Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 3/31/20.

EDWARD SCHMELTZ, P. E.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Edward Schmeltz of 1 Linwood Avenue in Riverside, CT, has been renominated by the Appointments Committee to serve as a regular member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board. He is the current chairman of the Board, on which he has served since 1996.

Mr. Schmeltz is a civil engineer with more than 40 years of experience in coastal engineering, the planning and design of ports and harbors, marine facilities, breakwaters and other coastal structures.

Mr. Schmeltz is currently employed as a Senior Vice President and Director of Maritime and Special Projects for AECOM, the largest transportation engineering firm in the United States. He was honored with an [Outstanding Projects and Leaders Award for Lifetime Achievement in Design by the American Society of Civil Engineers](#) in 2015.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Texas. He holds Diplomate status in Coastal, Ocean, Port and Navigation Engineering from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Schmeltz has authored over 25 technical publications related to maritime projects and issues. He is a Fellow of both the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. In addition, he is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, New York Society of Professional Engineers, and a Co-Chair of PIANC's CoCom. He is a past President of the New York City Post, Society of American Military Engineers and a founding member of the Academy of Coastal, Ocean, Port and Navigation Engineering of ASCE. He is a member of the Board of PIANC USA and the

Academy of Coastal, Ocean, Port and Navigation Engineers (ACOPNE) and the President Elect of the Academy.

ITEM NO: **2** - postponed from the September meeting.
DEPARTMENT: RTM OLD BARN SPECIAL COMMITTEE 1609RT01
CONTACT: Kip Burgweger Contact's phone # 203-869-2237
 fburgweger@aol.com
REFERRED TO: *Land Use, Legislative & Rules, Parks & Recreation, Public
 Works Committees*

RESOLVED, that the document entitled Easements, Declaration of Covenants, and Declaration of Preservation Restrictions granted by the Town of Greenwich (referred to as “Grantor”) and in favor of the State of Connecticut (referred to as “Grantee”) acting by the State Historical Preservation Office, an agency of the State of Connecticut is hereby adopted.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Through the efforts of the Greenwich Point Conservancy significant rehabilitation work has been done on the Old Barn located at Greenwich Point. In conjunction therewith a grant will be received from the State of Connecticut. One of the requirements of said grant is that a preservation restriction would need to be placed on the building. The preservation restriction is contained in the document entitled Easements, Declaration of Covenants, and Declaration of Preservation Restrictions referred to in the above resolution (hereinafter the “Preservation Restrictions”). The State of Connecticut offered a version of the Preservation Restrictions for the approval of the Town.

This resolution was requested by the First Selectman and approved by the Board of Selectmen and came before the RTM at its April 2016 meeting. It was referred to a Special Committee comprising one member from each of the Legislative & Rules, Land Use, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Committees with instructions to discuss and report back to the RTM. The Old Barn Special Committee reviewed the State’s proposed initial version, a copy of which was included in the Explanos for the April 2016 Call. The Town and the Special Committee felt that certain provisions of the initial version of the Preservation Restrictions should be revised. Those revisions were submitted to the State and the State responded with a second version of the Preservation Restrictions. The Special Committee has reviewed the State’s second draft and has revised the document. The Special Committee’s revised version is attached. It has been marked to show changes from the second draft proposed by the State. Deletions are marked by strike-outs and additions are marked by underlining. Exhibit B has been entirely revised and so is not marked. The Special Committee recommends the adoption of the revised Preservation Restrictions.

ATTACHMENTS

Separate enclosure – Agreement – revised

ITEM NO.: 3
DEPARTMENT: Community Development (First Selectman Office)
CONTACT: Princess A. Erfe 622-3796 perfe@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: Finance, Health & Human Services, Legislative & Rules
Committees
VOTES: Board or commission name vote (y or n)

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION IN
PASSING UPON THE REPORT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

FOR THE 2017 (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017) BUDGET YEAR

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROPOSED
BUDGET
AND EXPENDITURE HISTORY FOR YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, the Policy of the Town of Greenwich requires that the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall annually make and file in the Office of the Town Clerk a Detailed Statement of the Appropriations, with its reasons for said Appropriations which it deems necessary to meet the expenses and to conduct the affairs of the Community Development Block Grant Program of the Town of Greenwich for the ensuing Fiscal Year, that is to say, for the Year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the said Board has so filed in the Office of Town Clerk a Detailed Statement of such Appropriations contained in a document designated as Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) specifically pages 3, pages 7 through 9 and pages 101 through 102, and it will also forward a copy of this resolution to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) indicating approval of the Community Development Block Grant Plan and Budget for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 by the Board of Estimate and Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the said Policy provides that the Board of Estimate and Taxation shall submit proposed Appropriations and the RTM shall make such Appropriations as may appear advisable, except that no Appropriations shall be made exceeding an amount for the same purpose recommended by the said Board; and

WHEREAS, said Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) shall be forwarded to the members of the Representative Town Meeting on or before September 30, 2016 for action by the Representative Town Meeting at its Meeting to be held October 24, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Board of Estimate and Taxation as contained in the said Community Development Block Grant Proposed Budget and History Year 2017 filed, as stated, in the Office of the Town Clerk and submitted at the meeting of the Representative Town Meeting be and the same hereby are approved as the Appropriations for the ensuing Calendar Year 2017, except that the following items shall be increased, decreased, modified or omitted as follows:

Appropriations Recommended

<u>Department</u>	<u>Code Number</u>	<u>By Budget Committee</u>	<u>By Board</u>	<u>Increase (+) or Reason for Decrease (-)</u>

Total Increase (+)/Decrease (-).....

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Appropriations of \$751,160.92 (+/-), set forth, are hereby approved, made and adopted for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017, inclusive and conditioned on the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the projected entitlement of approximately \$725,000 (+/-),

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the entitlement amount should be more than anticipated or if there should be any program income due during program year 2017, the additional funds will be appropriated to a contingency line item, or if the entitlement is less than the projected \$725,000, the priority for funding after the staff salaries will be based on an equal percentage reduction within each category, starting with funding decreases in the public service activities in order to comply with the 15% CAP followed by funding decreases in the capital projects (with a minimum grant allocation of \$5,000), of the activities listed in the “First Selectman’s Final Funding Recommendations for CDBG PY2017”; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman, under the provisions of Title 8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 130, Part VI, Community Development and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended (42 U.S.C. §5301 et seq.); the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §3531 et seq.), be hereby authorized to accept grants for the purpose of carrying out an approved Community Development Block Grant Program for the Town of Greenwich; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Community Development of the Town of Greenwich, for purposes set forth in this Budget, is authorized to accept grants or funds made available through the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

ITEM NO.: **4**
DEPARTMENT: Community Development (First Selectman Office)
CONTACT: Princess A. Erfe 622-3796 perfe@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Finance, Health & Human Services, Legislative & Rules
Committees*
VOTES: Board or commission name vote (y or n)

RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting does hereby approve and adopt the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) as on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and as it may be modified by adoption of the Resolution of the Board of Estimate and Taxation; and that the Representative Town Meeting does hereby authorize the First Selectman to prepare the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) and to apply for and accept funds for the purpose of carrying out housing and community development programs, as approved for fiscal year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017); and

RESOLVED, that in approving and adopting said Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017), to become the Final Plan, the Representative Town Meeting finds and determines that by following the plan, the Community Development Block Grant program will be conducted and administered in compliance with Title 8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 130, Part VI, Community Development and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended (42 U.S.C 5301 et seq.); of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C 3531 et seq.); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman, under the provisions of Title 8 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 130 Part VI, Community Development and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended (42 U.S.C. §5301, et seq.); of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. §3531, et seq.), be hereby authorized to accept grants for the purpose of carrying out an approved Community Development Block Grant program for the Town of Greenwich.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Authorization is requested for the First Selectman to apply to HUD for funds for the purposes and amounts identified in the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017). The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and subsequent amendments, is an act of Congress to return tax revenues to local communities from the Department of Housing

and Urban Development (HUD) to address the needs established by the local communities, with an emphasis on neighborhoods, decent housing and suitable living environments; and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low- and moderate-incomes. Communities eligible to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement, are required to prepare an Annual One-Year Action Plan for Housing and Community Development Programs, which acts as the funding application and a Consolidated Plan (3 years or more) for all Community Development Programs. The RTM in January 2015, acted on the previous Five-Year Consolidated Plan (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019) for Greenwich.

The Town of Greenwich, from 1975 thru 2016, has received \$37,270,795.12 in CDBG funds (entitlement and program income). If adopted by the RTM, the “Proposed” Annual One-Year Action Plan becomes “Final” and the document is then submitted to HUD for approval. Under these Resolutions, the RTM is asked to hold a public hearing to consider and act on the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017).

The Board of Estimate and Taxation’s (BET) Resolution, to be adopted at its public hearing on October 17, 2016, requests action on the 2017 CDBG budget as identified in the Annual One-Year Action Plan as the “Community Development Block Grant Proposed Budget and History” (pages 101-102). This document has been prepared to coincide with the RTM action on the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017).

The RTM has historically combined both Resolutions for action. The amount of the year 2017 CDBG entitlement for the Town of Greenwich from HUD is anticipated at \$725,000 (+/-) plus \$26,160.92 of reprogrammed funds for a total of \$751,160.92. Statutorily, no more than 15% of the entitlement can be allocated for Public Service activities, and no more than 20% of the entitlement plus program income can be allocated for administrative and planning costs. The Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) was developed so that the Town of Greenwich may or may not choose to apply for future CDBG entitlements. Per HUD requirements, the “Plan” has been developed with maximum citizen participation, including submission to various Town agencies, non-profit housing and social service agencies, local libraries and media for review and comment. The attachment is the certifications, which acts as the Agreement between the Town of Greenwich and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Copies of the Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) were mailed (under separate cover) to all RTM members on or about September 26, 2016.

Certifications

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing - The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan - It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is

following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying - To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction - The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with Plan - The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 - It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official,

Title

Date

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570).

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature/Authorized Official

Title

Date

Attachments

Town of Greenwich, CT CDBG Entitlement Program, Proposed 2017 CDBG Annual One-Year Action Plan, Program Year 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) mailed to RTM Members on or about September 26, 2016.

ITEM NO: **5**
DEPARTMENT: First Selectman September 28, 2016
CONTACT: Alfred C. Cava 203-622-7716 acava@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Education, Finance, Town Services, Labor Contracts Committees*
VOTES:

RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting, in exercising its authority pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-474(b), hereby approves the funds necessary to implement the terms of the Town-Greenwich Municipal Employees Association collective bargaining agreement covering FY 16/17; said funds having previously been appropriated in the adopted FY 16/17 budget. In addition, thereto, the Representative Town Meeting approves the funds necessary to implement the terms of the Town-Greenwich Municipal Employees Association collective bargaining agreement covering the period FY 17/18 and FY 18/19, subject to the budgetary process as prescribed in the Town Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Representative Town Meeting approves any terms of such agreement which may be in conflict with the Town Charter, special act, ordinance, rule or regulation adopted by the municipal employer or its agents of the Town.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The collective bargaining agreement between the Town and Greenwich Municipal Employees Association expired on June 30, 2016. The parties commenced negotiations for a successor agreement in January of 2016. The parties declared impasse in negotiations in September 2016 and a state mediator was assigned to assist the parties. With the assistance of the mediator and over two-days of mediation, a tentative agreement was reached for a three-year agreement effective retroactive to July 1, 2016, and expiring on June 30, 2019.

The agreement provides for the following general wage increases: 7/1/16 2.25%; 7/1/17 2.25%; 7/1/18 2.25%. The GWI increase in FY 17 is within the BET FY 17 guidelines. The general wage increases are slightly lower than the state average negotiated with similar bargaining units over the past 18 months.

The concessions sought by the Town in the area of medical insurance were all achieved. Effective July 1, 2017 all GMEA employees will migrate to the State Partnership Plan

2.0 (SPP). It is projected that the Town will realize a reduction in premium cost for FY 17/18 over FY 16/17 of \$1,250,139; and whereas the Town had been seeing premium increase of 12% to 14% in recent years, the SPP projected trend for FY18/19, the final year of this agreement is 5%. Additionally, contract language was negotiated that permits the reopening of medical insurance during the term of this agreement in three critical areas: (i) should the statute that permits local municipalities to participate in the SPP be amended or the state/union coalition's collective bargaining agreement be amended altering the plan design or funding requirements; (ii) should the premiums of the SPP increase to an amount over what the High Deductible Health Plan currently in place would cost the Town based on the claims experience of bargaining unit members; and (iii) should the parties enter negotiation under the reopener or for a successor collective bargaining agreement to leave the SPP, the baseline to be used in negotiations for medical insurance shall be the current High Deductible Health Plan and not the SPP.

The Town successfully negotiated a number of changes in work rules: limiting the time off to attend physician appointments; conditioning an employee's right to transfer to other Town departments; and, eliminating a cumbersome payroll practice for ten-month and eleven-month employees.

In this agreement the Town continues to benefit from the defined contribution retirement as turnover over the three years of the agreement is projected to reduce participation in the defined benefits plan and increase participation in the defined contribution plan by 42 employees.

The total cost of contract over the three-year term is 5.15% averaging 1.72% per year. The terms of the agreement are in the best interest to our employees, town management and the taxpayers.

ATTACHMENTS- SEPARATE PACKET

Cost of Contract

Comptroller's Letter Certifying Cost of Contract

Summary of Negotiated Changes

Redlined Version of 2016- 2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement is available online on the Town's website.

ITEM NO.: **6**

DEPARTMENT: Community Development (First Selectman Office)

CONTACT: Princess A. Erfe 622-3796 perfe@greenwichct.org

REFERRED TO: *Finance, Health & Human Services Committees*

VOTES: Board or commission name vote (y or n)

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$43,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the following CDBG PY2016 accounts: Q19716-59900-XXXXX known as "Friends of Laurel House, Inc. Purchase of Truck for Laurel House Thrift Store" \$25,000; and Q19716-59900-XXXXX known as "TAG Acquisition of a Handicapped-Accessible Vehicle" 18,000.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Background

During the planning phase for CDBG PY2017, the CDBG Office calculated a total of \$69,160.92 in excess/unallocated funds. The breakdown for this total amount is as follows:

- \$13,876 (PY2016) – The Town anticipated to receive \$725,000 in CDBG entitlement funding for program year 2016. The actual entitlement funding approved by HUD for program year 2016 was \$738,876 leaving \$13,876 as excess/unallocated funds.
- \$55,284.92 (Prior Years) – As soon as prior year activities were reported to HUD as completed, those activities were closed out. Upon activity closeout, any remaining/unspent funds reverted back to the CDBG program. The total unallocated funds from prior year activities including program income equal to \$55,284.92

At the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) June 29th 2016 meeting, the total available excess/unallocated funding of \$69,160.92 was added to the program year 2017 anticipated budget. After the Advisory Committee members finalized their funding recommendations for program year 2017 activities, they approved to move two activities to program year 2016.

CDAC Recommendation Regarding the Excess/Unallocated Funds

At the CDAC June 29, 2016 meeting, the Advisory Committee members decided and unanimously voted to move the following activities to program year 2016:

1. Friends of Laurel House, Inc.

Purchase of New Vehicle for Laurel House Programs and Services - \$25,000

CDBG funds will be provided to the Friends of Laurel House to partially support the purchase of a new van to replace their 2001 van which has been instrumental in supporting the various programs (recovery planning, life skills coaching and skill building, education, employment, housing and residential, etc.) and supportive services of Laurel House. Laurel House provides mental health resources to people coping with mental illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, etc. The services and programs offered by Laurel House help their clients along the path of mental health recovery. The van will be used to pick up donated furniture or household goods and deliver/move the donated items to the residential programs or to the Treasure Hunters Thrift Store.

2. Transportation Association of Greenwich (TAG)

Acquisition of a Handicapped-Accessible Vehicle - \$18,000

CDBG funds will be provided to TAG to partially support the purchase/acquisition of a handicapped-accessible vehicle to be utilized to transport primarily frail elderly and handicapped individuals. The vehicle may also be used to transport children from low-income households to afterschool programs. Another potential use of the vehicle would be to deliver food to homebound clients of local food pantry/food banks. TAG is a private non-profit organization specializing in transportation services for elderly disabled individuals and transportation disadvantaged people.

Conclusion

Following the June 29, 2016 meeting, the Advisory Committee's funding recommendations was submitted to the First Selectman. The First Selectman concurred with the Advisory Committee's action. This request will be reviewed for approval by the BET during their October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Upon approval by both the BET and RTM, the funds will be added to the aforementioned projects. The CDBG Office will notify HUD of such change during the submission of the 2016 CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) due in 2017.

ATTACHMENT

Attached is a copy of the CDAC June 29, 2016 meeting minutes and the First Selectman's Final Funding Recommendations for CDBG PY2017.

ITEM NO.: **7**
DEPARTMENT: Community Development (First Selectman Office)
CONTACT: Princess A. Erfe 622-3796 perfe@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Finance, Health & Human Services Committees*
VOTES: Board or commission name vote (y or n)

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$29,900 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the following CDBG PY2016 account: Q19716-59900-XXXXX known as "Hill House Kitchen Upgrade and Safety Improvement Project."

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

In 2015, Hill House was recommended to receive \$29,900 in CDBG funding during program year 2016 for the replacement and upgrade of the fire alarm system at their facility. The fire alarm system was outdated and beyond repair. In addition, it was difficult to operate as it read the room numbers backwards, which was a safety risk. The CDBG program runs on a calendar year with the actual funds becoming available only after Congress releases the HUD budget.

Hill House was approved and received funding from the State of Connecticut for the construction of 24 additional units, which was completed in 2016. During the construction of the new units, it became necessary for Hill House to integrate the two buildings and as such, the fire alarm system needed to be upgraded prior to the 2016 CDBG funds being available.

Hill House notified the CDBG Office and requested to change the scope of the proposed project to be funded with PY2016 CDBG monies. The new proposed kitchen equipment upgrade and sidewalk safety project include the following: 1) replace the commercial range; 2) replace the warming oven; 3) replace the ice maker; and 4) replace/repave the entrance sidewalk.

With the completion of the new building (24 units), the kitchen at Hill House will now serve residents from the old building (37 units) and the new building for a total of 61 total housing units. Replacing/Upgrading the kitchen equipment will ensure that Hill

House continues to meet the needs of all their residents. The replacement/repaving of the entrance sidewalk will ensure that the residents, visitors and staff can safely access Hill House.

This request will be reviewed for approval by the BET during their October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting. Upon approval by both the BET and RTM, the funds will be made available to Hill House for the modified project. The CDBG Office will notify HUD of such change during the submission of the 2016 CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) due in 2017.

ATTACHMENT

Attached are the following:

- Notice for Public Comment and Input on the CDAC Funding Recommendations for CDBG PY2017 and Substantial Amendments to the PY2016 Annual Plan
- First Selectman August 8, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes
- First Selectman's Final Funding Recommendations for CDBG PY2017

ITEM NO:

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DEPARTMENT: Board of Education September 30, 2016

CONTACT: Peter Sherr, Negotiations Committee
203-918-2385 peter_sherr@greenwich.k12.ct.us

REFERRED TO: *Education, Finance, Labor Contracts Committees*

VOTES:

RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich hereby rejects the Arbitration Award dated October 14, 2016 between the Board of Education and the Greenwich Education Association for the period beginning July 1, 2017.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

There are 19 issues in dispute including wages, healthcare and work rules between the BoE and Greenwich Education Association which represents certified teachers in Greenwich Public Schools. The panel of arbitrators will render their decision on October 14. Detailed explanation material will be provided under separate cover when the Arbitration Award is announced.