



REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GREENWICH

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS FOR
JUNE 2015 MEETING

ITEM NO: **1** - postponed from the April 2015 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Town Services Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring 3/31/18.

JOHN B. MARGENOT, JR.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

John Margenot, of 18 Clover Place, Cos Cob, 06807 has been re-nominated as a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring 3/31/2018.

Mr. Margenot earned his undergraduate degree from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. John is a former First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich. He has also served in other professional capacities within Town government, in addition to his business career with his family-owned steel company.

John generously shares his time as an alternate on the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. He is the former Chairman of the Greenwich YMCA, and the former Chairman of Greenwich Green and Clean.

ITEM NO: **2** - postponed from the April 2015 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Parks & Recreation Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/18.

HANS CHRISTIAN THALHEIM

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Hans Christian Thalheim, of 2 Grace Street, Old Greenwich, CT 06870 has been re-nominated as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/2018.

Mr. Thalheim has one year of internship experience in financial services. He has interned for Clear Harbor Asset Management LLC, DEH GmbH & Co. KG, and Viacom Inc. Prior to that, he worked for two summers at Harbor Builders, LLC.

Christian earned his B.S. degree in Finance from the University of Connecticut. He is currently a member of the RTM from District 6. He is also a former Sound Beach Volunteer Firefighter who is certified in structural firefighting and hazardous materials operations.

ITEM NO: **3** - postponed from the April 2015 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen[@greenwichct.org](mailto:mrosen@greenwichct.org)
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Parks & Recreation Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/18.

PATRICK SLYNE

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Patrick Slyne, of 133 North Street, Greenwich, CT 06830 has been re-nominated as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/2018.

Mr. Slyne is involved in the Greenwich Winter club, as well as various Brunswick School Sports. Holding degrees in law and finance, Patrick is a Senior Attorney at Stull, Stull and Brody. Mr. Slyne is a current member of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

ITEM NO: **4** - postponed from the April 2015 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen[@greenwichct.org](mailto:mrosen@greenwichct.org)
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Parks & Recreation Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/18.

RICHARD C. LOH

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Rick Loh, of 8 Nimitz Place, Old Greenwich CT 06870 has been re-nominated as a regular member of the Board of Parks and Recreation for a term expiring 3/31/2018.

Mr. Loh is a realtor for Shore and Country Properties. Earning a degree in Economics from New England College, Richard has many insights into recreation as a boater and father to three.

Mr. Loh currently shares his time with the Mianus River Boat and Yacht Club, the Innis Arden Golf Club, Friends of the Hamill Ice Rink and the Greenwich Winter Club. In the past he has donated time and service to the Greenwich Blues as President, Board Member and Coach.

ITEM NO: **5** – postponed from the April 2015 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen[@greenwichct.org](mailto:mrosen@greenwichct.org)
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 3/31/18.

RICHARD MAITLAND

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Richard Maitland, of 2 Tomney Road, Greenwich, CT 06830 has been re-nominated as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 3/31/2018.

Mr. Maitland is a retired architect. Earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in architecture from Iowa State and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute respectively, Richard has served on the building committee for the Central, Eastern and Western Middle Schools. He is a current member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ITEM NO: **6** – postponed from the April 2015 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen[@greenwichct.org](mailto:mrosen@greenwichct.org)
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed as a regular member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/20.

KATIE BROWN

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Katie Brown, of 399 Riversville Road, Greenwich, CT 06831 has been nominated as a regular member of the Historic District Commission for a term expiring 3/31/2020.

Ms. Brown currently serves on the Board of the Garden Education Center. She has over 20 years of experience in landscape design, and she has served as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission for 8 years.

Having earned a B.A. in Art History from Smith College, and a Certificate in Landscape Design, Ms. Brown currently owns and operates Katie Brown Landscape Design.

ITEM NO: **7**
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen[@greenwichct.org](mailto:mrosen@greenwichct.org)
REFERRED TO: *Finance, Health & Human Services Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

RESOLVED, pursuant to State Public Act No. 95-268, an Act concerning Neighborhood Assistance, the programs and complete applications filed in the Town Clerk's office are hereby approved for the purpose of encouraging business contributions to non-profit organizations and government agencies providing important services in Greenwich.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act provides tax credits for businesses who contribute to community programs that have received both municipal and state approval. The programs include providing neighborhood assistance, job training or education, community service, crime prevention, energy conservation, or construction and rehabilitation of dwelling units for families of low and moderate income in the State.

Municipalities interested in submitting programs for inclusion in the 2015 Program must hold public hearings on their proposals, and the legislative body of each municipality must also vote to approve the programs. When the tax exempt organization receives both municipal and state approval for its proposed programs, it is then up to that organization to secure funding for the approved program(s) from businesses, which will receive a tax credit from the State of Connecticut.

This program is a way to give corporations and businesses an incentive to give money to not-for-profit and tax exempt organizations that provide valuable services to the community.

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen on April 30, 2015, a Public Hearing for comments regarding the 2015 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act was held. The motion to accept the 2015 applications for the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act passed unanimously 3-0-0.

ATTACHMENTS

WHAT IS THE CONNECTICUT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act provides tax credits for businesses who contribute to community programs that have received both municipal and state approval. The program includes providing neighborhood assistance, job training or education, community services, crime prevention, energy conservation, or construction or rehabilitation of dwelling units for families of low and moderate income in the state.

Municipalities interested in submitting programs for inclusion in the 2015 program must hold a public hearing on their proposals, and the legislative body of each municipality must also vote to approve the programs. Your program(s) should be detailed on the enclosed proposal form (you will have to make your own extra copies). When the tax exempt organization and/or municipality agency receive both municipal and state approval for its proposed program(s) from businesses, which in turn will receive a tax credit from the State of Connecticut. Basically, it is a way to give corporations and businesses an incentive to give money to non-for-profit, tax exempt organizations and government agencies that aid the community.

Neighborhood Assistance Program 2015

YMCA

1. Mechanical System and Lighting Upgrades.....\$ 150,000.00
Total.....\$ 150,000.00

St. Roch Church

1. Boiler, Hot Water System, and Lighting Upgrades.....\$ 150,000.00
Total.....\$ 150,000.00

GRAND TOTAL.....\$ 300,000.00

ITEM NO.: **8**
DEPARTMENT: Board of Education
CONTACT: William McKersie, Ph.D. 203-625-7425 william_mckersie@greenwich.k12.ct.us
REFERRED TO: Education & Finance Committees
VOTES: Board of Selectmen 3-0-0 (April 30, 2015)

RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting authorizes the Greenwich Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the New Lebanon Elementary School project at the New Lebanon Elementary School.

RESOLVED, that the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the New Lebanon Elementary School project at the New Lebanon Elementary School.

RESOLVED, that the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the New Lebanon Elementary School project at the New Lebanon Elementary School.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The Greenwich Public Schools Administration is requesting the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) approve the resolution, required by the State's Division of Construction Services (Department of Administrative Services) in order to be eligible for a school construction grant for New Lebanon Elementary School.

The State of Connecticut requires any application for school construction grant to include three authorizations from the local legislative body (not the Board of Education) that : 1) authorize the filling of grant application (ED-049), 2) establish a building committee, 3) authorize at the least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications.

Without RTM approval of the required resolution, the District will be ineligible for a potential 80 percent reimbursement for diversity schools for construction of New Lebanon Elementary School.

ITEM NO: **9**
DEPARTMENT: Public Works 1506PW03
CONTACT: Joseph Roberto, Hwy. Superintendent (203) 622-7763
jroberto@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Finance and Public Works Committees*
VOTES: **BET Vote – 12-0-0**

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$670,486 be and the same is hereby appropriated to be added to the following accounts: A312-51100 known as “Highway Overtime Services, \$350,000; G318-51100 known as “Highway Traffic Operations Overtime Services” \$55,000; A315-51300 known as “Highway-BOE Temporary Services” \$40,586; and A312-53750 known as “Highway – Highway Materials” \$225,000.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:

DPW is requesting an interim appropriation in the amount of \$670,586.00 to cover the costs of snow and ice control for FY 14-15. These additional funds should be allocated to the line items appearing on the face sheet of this application.

The following reviews the Department of Public Works (DPW) Highway Division's snow budget and provides the background for our interim appropriations request.

Highway budgets for snow in 3 areas:

- A312 – Highway Streets, Bridges: This covers our work on 265 miles of road, numerous parking lots throughout town, as well as town sidewalks, and any “overflow” from BOE maintenance when that budget is fully expended.
- A315 – Highway BOE Maintenance: This covers BOE snow and ice control provided by Parks and Recreation (their overtime is paid from this budget) and vendors, materials, and services to clear the schools.
- R317-1 Leased Railroad: This account reimburses Highway for its work clearing railroad owned parking lots and railroad stairs, platforms, etc.

The following account is also used to help manage snow expenses:

- **G318 – Highway Traffic Operations:** This account covers labor for the staff in the Traffic Operations Division, who assist the Highway Division staff in performing snow and ice control. We do not budget specifically for snow assistance in this fund.

The DPW Highway Division bases its snow budget on an average snowfall of approximately 30 inches, an approximately 50 year average, and its experience over many years of snow services management. Each year can be different – much is dependent on when the snow falls, how long storms last, weather conditions before and after, quantities received, etc. During the winter of 2014-2015, the total accumulation of snow was 69.25 inches, exceeding the estimate by 39.25 inches, or 131%. There were many storms, and they frequently occurred on nights and weekends.

This winter also caused the Division's number of snow and ice control days to exceed anticipated levels. We track our snow expenses in two categories – snow control days and ice control days. Snow control days are where staff have their plows out and on the ground – active plowing during the storm event. Ice control days encompass work to address ice storms, icing conditions after storms, complaints, and snow removal activities – all the tasks that fall outside the actual storm event. This year we had 19 snow days and 29 ice control days, again higher than an average year.

In addition, in our commercial districts, we have to physically remove the snow when accumulations mount up. We put it into dump trucks and take it to Holly Hill or other appropriate locations. In a typical year, we may remove approximately 2500 yd³ - this year, we removed almost 25,000 yd³ - a tenfold increase over most years. Snow removal activities in the business districts typically occur at the end of the standard work day, and at times overnight. These activities are supported by outside labor and include police for traffic control. We had nine snow removal events.

As a result, DPW is requesting funds to be replenished in several line items in Highway's operations budget, as outlined in the table below the following text:

- **Overtime services (A312-51100 & G318-51100):** These line items cover more than snow removal, encompassing call-outs for various roadway issues, traffic control repairs, asphalt paving operations, leaf removal operations, emergency response to other weather events, and the like. These lines are currently overdrawn and we are requesting funds which will allow us to balance them out and have sufficient for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- **Temporary services (A315-51300):** This line item covers temporary labor for a variety of tasks which the Highway Division performs at BOE properties, including sidewalk and curb repairs, parking area paving, and snow removal. This line item is currently overdrawn in the amount of \$ 40,586. We are requesting funds to balance this account out to \$0.
- **Highway materials (A312-53750):** We use salt and other products to control snow and ice – brines, special materials for sidewalks etc. To date this snow season, we estimate we have used approximately 12,326 tons of salt and 1,350 tons of sand/salt mix, as well as almost 17.45 tons of the boxed / bagged type deicers! Our current amount of available salt is 4,000 tons. Historically, we have based our budgets and operation on having a full (or nearly so) salt inventory at the end of the winter season. We target spending approximately \$400K/year on salt – this year, we have spent \$460K and our inventory is at roughly half capacity at the end of the season.

This line item also covers purchases of salt, concrete, asphalt, pipes, curbs, storm drain structures, and other materials required to maintain roadway infrastructure. We also purchase supplies for necessary repairs (e.g. potholes!) from this line. We are requesting funds to replenish our salt levels, which we believe is sensible given the supply issues that many municipalities in our area experienced this past winter. DPW had a nearly full inventory when we started the snow season, and due to this we had no issues with running low on material during the height of the season as others did. We propose purchasing 4,000 tons of salt at a cost of \$64.61/ton (about \$258K total). We are requesting the funds for this and sufficient to help us cover other material expenses through the end of the fiscal year.

This request for additional funds will:

- Cover the deficit brought about by the above average winter we have experienced.
- Allow the salt purchase which will replenish the inventory for the remaining winter season and prevent a deficit as we enter FY 14-15.
- Will allow the Division to continue its normal operation.
- Allow purchase of necessary repair supplies and equipment.

Line Item	FY 14-15 Budget	Current Balance (as of 4/29/15)	Request
Overtime Services (A312-51100)	500,000	-321,000	350,000
Overtime Services (G318-51100)	30,000	-40,083	55,000
Temporary Services (A315-51300)	119,000	-40,586	40,586
Highway Materials	<u>600,000</u>	<u>74,802</u>	<u>225,000</u>
Total	1,249,000	-326,867	670,586

ITEM NO: **10**
DEPARTMENT: Public Works 1506 PW 4
CONTACT: James W. Michel, P.E. (203) 622-7767
Chief Engineer jmichel@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Legislative & Rules & Public Works Committees*
VOTES: Board of Selectmen, April 30, 2015 – **Approved 3-0-0**
Planning & Zoning Commission, May 5, 2015 – **Approved 5-0-0**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich grant a permanent utility easement and temporary construction easement on the Julian Curtiss School Property– at the corner of Anderson Road and Elm Street, 180 East Elm Street, Greenwich to the Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut (AWC). Be it further resolved, that the First Selectman of the Town of Greenwich is hereby authorized to execute such easements on behalf of the Town of Greenwich.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:

The Department of Public Works is requesting approval to grant easements to the Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut on the Julian Curtiss School property for the purpose of constructing and accessing a replacement pump station. This pump station is utilized by AWC to distribute water to multiple locations.

BACKGROUND:

- The permanent easement is needed as there is insufficient space within the road right of way for the proposed replacement pump station.
- The temporary easement is necessary for the construction of the replacement pump station.
- Compensation to the Town by the AWC for granting said easements includes:
 - o \$310,000 Payment
 - o Sidewalk, pavement, landscape restoration as required for improvements.



TOWN OF GREENWICH
Department of Public Works - Engineering Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: James W. Michel, P.E., Chief Engineer

DATE: April 20, 2015

RE: Request to be on Agenda for Meeting on April 30, 2015
Easement Request Julian Curtiss School- Aquarion Water
Municipal Improvement Approval

AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE – MI APPROVAL

Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut (AWC) is requesting a temporary construction easement and a permanent utility easement for a replacement pump station on the Julian Curtiss School property (180 East Elm Street) at the corner of Anderson Road and Elm Street in the Town of Greenwich. The attached figure shows the location of the existing station and the proposed replacement station relative to the Julian Curtiss School. The permanent utility easement, as well as the temporary construction easement, are needed from the Town as there is insufficient space within the road right of way for the proposed replacement pump station. A site plan of the proposed replacement station colored to reflect the final conditions at the site is included. The site plan also shows the proposed temporary construction easement and the permanent utility easement. Copies of the proposed easement language documents are included. AWC has agreed to a lump sum payment of \$310,000 as compensation for the permanent easement. Sidewalk replacements and final restoration will serve as compensation for the temporary easements. DPW has worked with the Law Department to verify these documents meet the Town of Greenwich requirements. The Board of Education has approved this use at their March meeting.

DPW hereby requests the BOS approve the above mentioned Municipal Improvement in order to proceed with the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) submission process. After P&Z approval is granted, approval will be requested by the RTM. AWC has completed the design of the project, and pending all required approvals the construction is scheduled for Spring 2015.

Attachments: separate packet – agreements

ITEM NO: **11**
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Education and Public Works Committees*
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GREENWICH

RESOLVED, that the following named persons, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be appointed as a regular members of the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee.

**DEAN L. GOSS
PATRICIA B. KANTORSKI
ALAN BRIAN HARRIS, JR
CLARE L. KILGALLEN
STEPHEN G. WALKO**

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Dean Goss, of 21 Ridge Road, Greenwich, CT 06830 has been nominated as a regular member of the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee.

Mr. Goss is a retired Professor of Architecture who worked for the New York Institute of Technology. Prior to his teaching career, he had 21 years of professional experience in architecture and engineering. Dean has served over 10 years as Chairman of three separate building committees, each of which had full responsibility for the construction of elementary schools in Greenwich.

Dean earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut, and his Master of Civil Engineering degree from the University of Delaware. He is registered as a Professional Engineer in both Connecticut and New York, and is a member of the American Association of University Professors.

Patricia Baiardi Kantorski, of 38 William Street West, Greenwich, CT 06830 has been nominated as a regular member of the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee.

Ms. Baiardi is an architect who specializes in school building projects, and has been a member of several Greenwich building committees. She presently owns her own architectural firm in Greenwich, and acts as its Principal Architect.

Patricia earned her Bachelor of Science degree and her Bachelor of Architecture from City College of the City University of New York. She is a member of the Democratic Town Committee and the Greenwich Community Garden. In the past, she was an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and a member of the RTM.

Alan "Brian" Harris, of 19 Palmer Lane, Riverside, CT 06878 has been nominated as a regular member of the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee.

Mr. Harris is a registered architect in the State of Connecticut and has experience with architectural design, sustainable strategies consulting, educational design, project management, and building construction administration. He currently works for Perkins & Will, LLC as a Project Manager / Planning and Strategies Consultant.

Brian earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University, and his M.B.A. from the Columbia University Business School. He is the current Chairman of the Greenwich Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency.

Clare Lawler Kilgallen, of 5 Hilltop Road, Greenwich, CT 06830 has been nominated as a regular member of the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee.

Ms. Kilgallen was the Assistant General Counsel with New York Life Insurance Company in their Intellectual Property, Technology, and Commercial Agreements Group. She advised internal clients on the RFx process, business issues, risk management, drafting and negotiating contracts, and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations.

Clare earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham University and her J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law. She was a member of the New Lebanon Feasibility Project Team, and the New Lebanon PTA leadership team.

Stephen Walko, of 8 East Lawn Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831 has been nominated as a regular member of the New Lebanon Elementary School Building Committee.

Mr. Walko was a State Representative for the 150th District. He is also an employment law and real estate attorney with the firm of Ivey, Barnum & O'Mara, LLC in Greenwich.

Stephen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Political Science from Trinity University, and his J.D. from the St. John's University School of Law. He has been extremely active in charitable and governmental affairs in the Town of Greenwich. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Byram Volunteer Fire Department, and he served as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. He has also served as Chairman of the RTM Budget Overview Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Republican Town Committee.

ITEM NO. **12**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: *Legislative & Rules Committee*
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote 12-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed Alternate member of the Claims Committee for the term expiring 12/31/15.

MARGARET B. G. FREIBERG

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Margaret Freiberg is an RTM member from District 7. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Harvard University, and a law degree from Cornell University. She is a member of the New York state bar and the U.S. Supreme Court bar.

In a 28-year career at IBM, she served over 20 years as in-house legal counsel. Much of her work was in the field of employee benefits law and involved a large variety of health care benefits, group insurance benefits, and fringe benefits. She served for several years as legal advisor to the committee that approved and denied employee claims for benefits under IBM's Medical Disability Income Plan. In addition, she dealt with overtime pay requirements; family, medical, and military leaves; accommodation of employee disabilities and religious observances; and equal employment opportunity laws.

An RTM member since 2010 she is currently in her fourth year as a delegate on the Legislative and Rules Committee. Previously she was an alternate on the Public Works Committee and an alternate on the Community Development Advisory Committee. She has lived in Greenwich since 1980.

ITEM NO: **13**
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments & 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 Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/18.

NATALIE R. QUEEN

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Natalie Queen, of 32 Miller Lane, Riverside, CT 06878 has been nominated as a regular member of the Board of Social Services for a term expiring 3/31/18.

Ms. Queen is a Childcare Professional with Sportsplex, and a Parent Coordinator with the Greenwich Groustein Discovery Initiative. She has spent her career managing staff and programs focused on supporting, mentoring, and helping others reach their potential. She is a passionate family advocate and a supporter of public education.

Natalie earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from St. Augustine's University. She is also IC-3 Certified in Customer Service. Natalie is a current member of the RTM from District 12, and she is a member of the School Readiness Council. She is a former Greenwich Board of Education member too.

ITEM NO: **14**
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments & 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 of the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Agency for a term expiring 3/31/19.

STEVEN A. FONG

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Steven Fong, of 18 Angus Lane, Greenwich, CT 06831 has been nominated as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Agency for a term expiring 3/31/19.

Mr. Fong has four years of professional experience in the field of environmental education and developing environmental programs for adolescents. He completed the Project WILD and Aquatic Project WILD Workshop Certificate for professional development. He currently works for Soundwaters in Stamford as an Educator.

Steven earned his B.A. in Environmental Studies from Eckerd College with minors in Coastal Management and Mandarin Chinese. While attending Eckerd, he held an Animal Husbandry Internship with Lenie't Hart Seal Rehabilitation and Release Center, and an Environmental Education Internship with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

ITEM NO. **15**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Land Use, Legislative & Rules, Parks & Recreation Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote 10-2-0

To consider and act upon the following resolution:

Resolved that the following Item shall be added to the Rules Of The RTM:

1. The Representative Town Meeting shall appoint from its membership one Ex-Officio member to the Harbor Management Commission as soon as possible and in January of every even-numbered year thereafter as per [§7A.1](#) of the Town Charter. Such member shall be appointed by the Representative Town Meeting on nomination by the Appointments Committee for a term expiring December 31 of each odd-numbered year provided, that the term of the member shall continue thereafter until a successor shall have been appointed, and further provided that said

member continues to be a member of the RTM.

2. The responsibility of this appointed Ex-Officio member of the RTM shall be as follows:
 - a. Attend Harbor Management Commission meetings and keep informed of the Commissions plans, activities, and challenges.
 - b. Report to the Representative Town Meeting the Harbor Management Commission's activities as delineated by Section [7A-1through7A-8](#) of the Town Ordinances, as well as any salient reasoning of the committee.
 - c. Post said reports to the Representative Town Meeting web site prior to the Representative Town Meeting.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:

Section 7A;1 of the Town Charter states that the Harbor Management Commission shall have one non-voting ex-officio member from the Representative Town Meeting and no method of appointing such a member to the Harbor Management Commission has yet been established, therefore the Appointments Committee is submitting the resolution.

ITEM NO: **16**
DEPARTMENT: District 8
CONTACT: John Eddy 203-550-7122 rtm#johneddy.com & Chris Von Keyserling 203-253-7562
cvonkey@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: **All Committees**
VOTES: Unanimously Passed District 8

**Resolved, to amend RTM Section 1: Article V.G of the Rules of The RTM shall be amended as follows:
(See District 8 Appendix)**

**Resolved to amend Section 2: Section III. I. of the Rules of The RTM shall be amended to add paragraph 6
as follows: (See District 8 Appendix)**

Section 1: Article V.G of the Rules of The RTM
shall be amended as follows:

G. BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS

Each standing committee, except for the Appointments and Budget Overview Committees, is charged to adhere in accordance with the following timetable provided below, which are intended to align with the budget process timeline section of the BET Reference Book:

September:

- 1) No later than September Standing Committees establish budget Sub-Committees whose purpose is to monitor the Town budget proceedings involving their respective functional Town departments. Committees report the members of the sub- committees to the Town Clerk for posting on the RTM website prior to the October Call. The October Call will detail who has provided reports.
- 2) Chairman of each standing committee provides reporting guidelines to its budget sub- committee.
- 3) Standing committee chairmen meet collectively with the Town Budget Director to review the budget process for the fi year. Report of this meeting shall be posted to the RTM Website by Town Clerk and the September Call will detail if meeting took place.

- 4) Each standing committee chair shall do the following:
 - a) distribute the names of the RTM members serving on their respective budget sub- committees to the Town department(s) and/or agency(s) with which their respective committee is functionally involved request a schedule of all budget meetings its delegate may attend from each Town department monitored by their respective standing committee.
- 5) Chairs of Budget sub-committees shall be responsible for:
 - a) Ensuring that reports are prepared for each budget meeting held by Town departments and
 - b) Delivering these reports to the Town Clerk prior to each RTM meeting. Reports shall specify the names of the RTM members who attended each meeting and prepared the report.
- 6) The Town Clerk shall post said reports on the RTM Website.
- 7) District Chairs shall add each report to the agenda of each District Meeting.
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- 4) RTM Sub Committees request the Chairman of BET Budget Committee to provide spending priorities implied by BET's guidelines, for discussion.
- 5) RTM budget sub-committees and BET liaisons review their budget items with respective Town departments.

December:

- 1) Each standing committee chair to request copies of appropriate departmental budget requests along with supporting documentation on behalf of its budget Sub- Committee,
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- 3) Budget Sub-Committees monitor the development of the budget requests of their functional departments and at least one member of the Sub-Committee attend each scheduled meeting between Town department heads and the Budget Committee of the BET. Budget Sub-Committee members shall report on these meetings to their respective standing committees prior to the Call and shall submit reports to the Town Clerk
- 4) The Town Clerk posts these reports to the RTM website. The Call shall detail who prepared each report.
- 5) Sub-Committees conduct research into line item requests and discuss with department managers and report their findings to their Standing Committees
- 6) Chairs of Sub-Committees are responsible for submitting reports on their line-items to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the Call of the RTM Meeting
- 7) The Town Clerk posts said reports to the RTM website. The Call will detail who has provided reports.

December-January:

- 1) Budget Sub-Committees attend subsequent meetings between BET Budget Committee and Town departments with which they are functionally involved.
- 2) Sub-Committees report to their respective standing committees. Each standing committee drafts its conclusions and submits its report to the Budget Committee of the BET, to be considered when preparing its Recommended Budget. Chairs of Sub-Committees are responsible for submitting reports on line item research and findings to the Town Clerk
- 3) The Town Clerk posts said reports to the RTM website.

January-March:

- 1) Each standing committee submits its findings and recommendations to the Town Clerk for distribution with the publication of the Recommended Budget in early February.
- 2) Budget sub-committees identify, discuss, evaluate and report on any information subsequently submitted by Town departments to the BET Budget Committee for changes or reinstatements to the Recommended Budget.
- 3) By Mid-March any standing committees having differences with the BET Budget Committee prepare and discuss their findings and recommendations with the BET Budget Committee at their respective joint meetings.
- 4) Budget sub-committees and other interested RTM members attend the public hearings held by the BET to discuss the various departmental budgets.

April:

- 1) Standing Committees submit their final budget conclusions and recommendations in a written report to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk will
 - a) distribute written reports, together with the Proposed Budget, to the members of the RTM as part of the May meeting packet and
 - b) immediately post to the RTM website.

May:

- 1) At the RTM budget meeting, if a standing committee plans to offer a line item amendment, the committee chairman shall offer a standing committee report in accordance with Rules of the RTM, [Section III G., "Making Standing Committee Reports."](#)

Section 2: Section III. I. of the Rules of The RTM
shall be amended to add paragraph 6 as follows:

6) Presentation for Informational Purposes

- a) The Moderator of the RTM shall recognize any District that wishes to present an item for RTM Informational Purposes at an RTM Meeting, providing that the presenting district approved the item for presentation to the RTM by a 2/3 vote of present members and informed the Moderator at least 3 calendar days prior to the subsequent RTM Meeting.
- b) Such items must be presented in a factual manner that does not invite debate.
- c) Discussion items will be limited to 5 minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

G. Budget Planning Process

The purpose of these revisions is to align the budget schedule contained in Appendix H of the RTM Rules with the BET Budget process calendar. Additionally, the proposed changes will formalize the timely sharing of budget process information by assigning to the Budget Overview Committee the responsibility to expediently collect and disseminate all standing committee budget reports to the RTM.

The benefits of these changes include:

- *Improved transparency of the Budget Process for those RTM members who are unable to attending all budget hearings*
- *A more informed and prepared RTM at the May budget meeting*
- *Opportunity for timely vetting of budget issues by the RTM, rather than during the May budget meeting*
- *Alleviation of the need for Standing committees to transmit budget reports to multiple districts or RTM members. Greater opportunity for communication and discourse across Standing Committee lines.*
 - » *Greater RTM participation in the budget process.*
- *Standing committees will be empowered to comment on the BET guidelines.*
- *Strengthening collaboration in the budget process among relevant Town functions*
 - » *In our conversation with BET members, the message most consistently expressed was that the BET welcomed the timely (early) participation and input from RTM members and, to an even greater extent, that of Standing Committees. This rule enhancement formalizes that feedback*
- *The availability of monthly budget reporting will allow for more informed and timely discussion at District meetings.*

Budget Planning Reporting

The rules call for committees to publish reports to the RTM website several times during the year.

- *It is important to note that it is at the discretion of the Chairperson of each committee to decide how to format and what to include in said report.*
- *The Town Clerk must update the call in the following meeting to report which committee completed a report and which committee did not. It will not identify what is in the report but is a check within the system.*
- *Failure to produce a report does not result in any action but it is our hope that this feature will enhance communication*
- *This new reporting system will allow RTM members to have a central repository for budget information which can be looked at any time without the cumbersome process of searching emails and minutes of meetings*
- *We understand the limited nature of the current RTM website. We expect the technology committee to work on it over time changing how reports can be*

uploaded. In the meantime we would expect a word or PDF document to be uploaded to a new folder on the Website. We have confirmed that addition of this folder is simple and can be completed prior to the beginning of the new budget cycle.

Section III. I. of the RTM rules (add paragraph 6)

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The purpose of the amendment is to encourage discourse within the RTM. Districts and members are constrained by lack of information and opportunity in their ability to communicate areas of concern with other districts and fellow RTM members. It is our goal to allow concerns over budget matters to be shared at regularly scheduled RTM meetings. This matter would NOT be a voting item and would be confined only to items of budgetary concern to the RTM.

Authority: The current RTM rules neither allow nor prohibit districts from adding non-voting items to the call. As the moderator has the discretion to add items to the call on limited notice, we believe that the RTM as a whole would benefit from limited privileges afforded to Districts where a 2/3 majority of their voting members agree that the members would benefit from the time set aside for discourse.

Rationale: Our goal is to have items of time-sensitive importance discussed at District meetings receive the benefit of the knowledge and experience of the RTM at large. Our form of government requires greater involvement in order for the RTM to be informed, collaborative, forward- looking, creative and responsive in addressing current and anticipated challenges.

The rules as they stand force a fast decision-making process, but hinder foresight, planning, a broad understanding of the Town, and general (as opposed to specialized) competence and diligence. These rule changes would be a small step towards moving from a reactive representative body to an anticipatory representative body.

The rules limit discussion to 5 minutes so as to not prolong the meeting. However, the Moderator at their discretion may allow more time for discussion should they so choose.

The benefits of this change include:

- Allows discussion of budget items in a manner that provides opportunity for timely and appropriate influence and inquiry.
- Increased likelihood that the RTM will have actionable options when faced with questions similar to those faced in the prior years such as budget line items, the GEMS contract and interim appropriations

District 8 Subcommittee Proposed Rules Changes

As of April 9, 2015

Intended for placement of the June 2015 Call

Section 1: Article V.G of the RTM RULES

Section 2: Section III. I. of the RTM rules (add paragraph 6) Propose changes in bold underline

Deletion from original [~~bracketed in strikethrough~~]

Section 1: of proposed changes:
Article V.G of the RTM RULES

G. BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS

Each standing committee, except for the Appointments and Budget Overview Committees, is charged to adhere in accordance with the following timetable ~~provided~~ **and procedures provided below, which are intended to align with the budget process timeline section of the BET Reference Book:**

September:

- 1) **No later than September** Standing Committees establish budget Sub-Committees whose purpose is to monitor the Town budget proceedings involving their respective functional Town departments.

Committees report the members of the sub-committees to the Town Clerk for posting on the RTM website prior to the October Call. The October Call will detail who has provided reports.

- 2) Chairman of each standing committee provides reporting guidelines to its budget sub-committee.
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- 6) **The Town Clerk shall post said reports** on the RTM Website.

October:

- 1) Each standing committee chairman, on behalf of its budget sub-committee, requests from the Budget Overview Committee copies of the pertinent departmental budget requests and support documents when made available in early November.

November:

- 1) Committee chairmen receive and distribute pertinent departmental budget documents to their budget sub-committees.
- 2) Budget sub-committees should monitor the development of the budget requests of their functional departments and attend scheduled meetings between Town department heads and the Budget Committee of the BET.
- 3) Sub-committees conduct research into line item requests and discuss their thoughts with department managers and their standing committees, if necessary.]

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ITEM NO: **17**
DEPARTMENT: Resolution from Greenwich Property owners
CONTACT: Dawn Forutnato Contact's phone #
dawnf007@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Legislative & Rules and Land Use Committees
VOTES: N/A

WHEREAS, on [date], pursuant to Charter §99, the Planning & Zoning Commission ("PZ") found the Housing Authority of the Town of Greenwich ("HATG") [insert project name] to be a Municipal Improvement ("MI"), and PZ published its finding in the Greenwich Time on March 17, 2015, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter §100, eight Greenwich property owners referred PZ's decision to the the RTM on [insert date],

RESOLVED, the RTM finds that the HATG [project name] is not a MI, which status is rejected.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Concerned Citizens of Greenwich (Web: www.CCofGwch.org)

Explanos to RTM for Municipal Improvement for Armstrong Court 5/15/2015

Eight neighbors of Armstrong Court have exercised their rights under the Town Charter to refer the proposed makeover of Armstrong Court to the full RTM on June 8. This right uses the RTM to be the taxpayer's final source of protection against ill-conceived projects. This action is not an appeal of MI approvals by the Selectmen and other Town Agencies. This is an entirely new and original question before the RTM of issues facing the Town that will result from the concentration of 84 new bedroom at this site. The MI is a "de novo" action, with full and independent responsibility and authority of the RTM to approve or deny the proposal as a municipal improvement and intensification of use of the site. The RTM will have only this one opportunity to approve or reject the present proposal as it impacts the Town for many decades going forward.

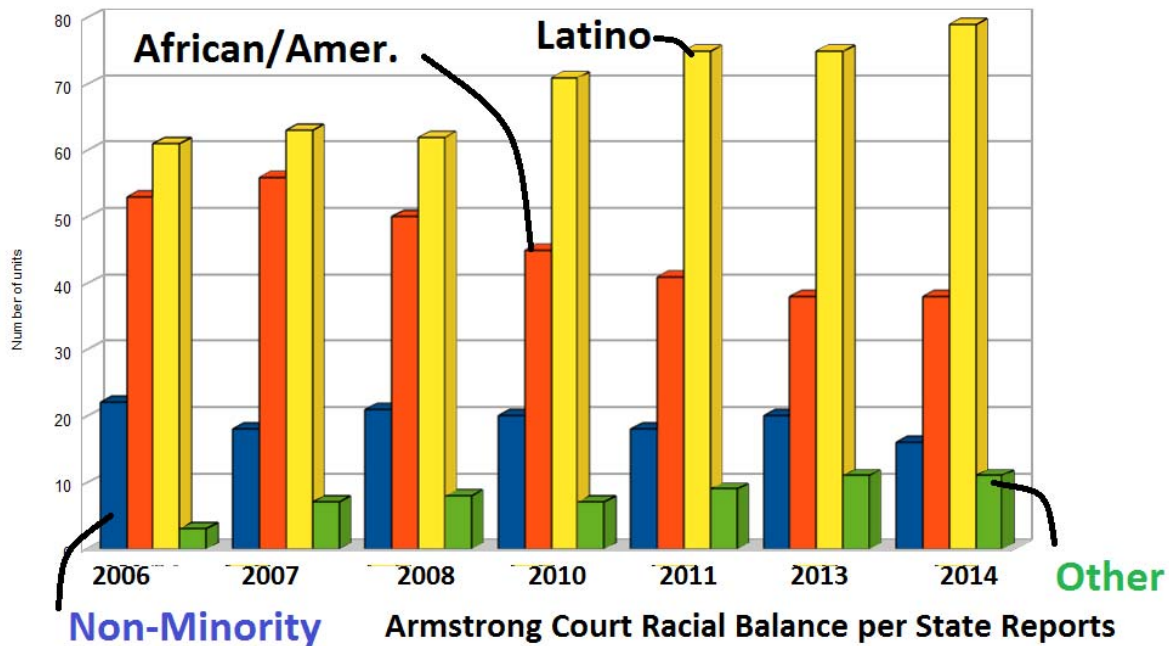
There are substantial reasons why the RTM should reject the present proposal and go back to the drawing board for a better answer to pressing problems. Zoning actions on an open space plan and a residential overlay of developer bonuses to the business and commercial zones have already been delayed until at least September. Questions of racial balance between the elementary schools is under close scrutiny by the Board of Ed. Test score differences between the Middle Schools must be addressed as well. Consider these points which suggest a better plan is needed:

1. The Housing Authority told the Town Boards that there were no environmental hazards requiring remediation. But their own professional assessment reports revealed later that the

Now they have been caught in this mis-representation of findings by their own consultants, and must answer to the State and Federal laws, at great expense. In his

letter in Greenwich Time on April 28th protesting this, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority said it is the tax payers who will have to pay up now. Is it the Town or the Housing Authority that must fix its own cover ups of violations and contamination on its many properties?

2. Who will sleep in these 84 new bedrooms? Many additional children, with long-term impacts to economic and racial imbalance at Hamilton Ave School. The School Board needs to meet State codes for racial and economic balance. Is this the right way to start, making the problem 84 bedrooms worse? Has the Town planning process looked at alternatives to low-cost or affordable housing. Will federal law open these units to out-of-town poor?



3. Census tract 105, better known as Chickahominy, already qualifies for environmental justice special treatment under law. If there are new tolls on the Turnpike, Hamilton Ave and the Post Road will suffer major impacts. Does adding 84 bedrooms to Armstrong Court help us solve the traffic and congestion? Will the legal precepts of environmental justice for poorer census tract draw the Dept of Justice into our elections, schools and park policy?

4. The Housing Authority is already coming to the Town BET asking for loan forgiveness at Parsonage Cottage, despite their charging \$4300 a month for its units? Do we as a Town want to go forward this way, with tax-payers bearing the costs?

This is the only opportunity for the RTM to cast a vote for wise and sensible planning for the future - decades out in terms of its impacts. We urge the full RTM to reject the 84 bedroom increase in density. The Town's requirement to meet State mandates needs to

go back to the drawing board for a better answer. All districts of Town will end up bearing the brunt and cost of this ill-thought out proposal.

More Information and Detail is available at CCofGwch.org

Sec. 99. Municipal improvements; approval.

(a) After the passage of this Article no action, other than the making of studies or surveys, shall be taken by any Town agency, the Board of Education or the Housing Authority on any proposal involving;

(1) The location, relocation, major redesign, extension or abandonment of any street or sewage disposal plant;

(2) The acquisition of land for, or the location, relocation, abandonment, sale, lease or major redesign of public real property or public buildings, including schools;

(3) The extent and location of transportation routes and terminals whether publicly or privately owned; or

(4) The location of public housing projects.

Until such proposal has been submitted to and approved by the Commission or has been approved by the Representative Town Meeting as herein provided.

(S.A. 469 § 17, 1951.)

Sec. 100. Municipal, improvements; referral to Representative Town Meeting.

(a) The failure of the Commission to act upon any proposal, submitted to it pursuant to Section 99 hereof, within ninety (90) days after such submission shall be deemed to constitute an approval thereof. The Commission may, by resolution adopted prior to the termination of the ninety (90) day period and for sufficient reasons to be stated in the resolution, defer approval for any length of time reasonably necessary.

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(b) In the event of the approval or disapproval or deferment by the Commission of any such proposal, the Commission shall cause a notice of such action to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and the Town Agency, the Board of Education or the Housing Authority having original jurisdiction of the matter, or any person owning property within the Town, may, within thirty (30) days

from the date of publication of such notice by the Commission, refer such proposal to the Representative Town Meeting. The Representative Town Meeting shall have power to approve such proposal or to reject it. (S.A. 469 § 18, 1951; as amended by RTM, 6/8/70.)

Sec. 101. Subdivision of land; procedure; regulations.

(a) No subdivision of land shall be made until a plan for such subdivision has been approved by the Commission.

Any person, firm or corporation making any subdivision of land without the approval of the Commission shall be fined not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each lot sold or so subdivided.

(b) All plans for subdivision shall, upon approval, be filed or recorded in the office of the Town Clerk. Any plan not so filed or recorded within ninety (90) days following its approval by the Commission or within ninety (90) days of the date upon which such plan is taken as approved by reason of the failure of the Commission to act, shall become null and void. No such plan shall be recorded or filed by the Town Clerk or other officer authorized to record or file plans until its approval has been endorsed thereon. The filing or recording of a subdivision plan without such approval shall be void.

THE CHARTER § 101

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ATTACHMENTS

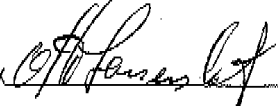
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Donald Heller, Chairman

Richard Maltland, Secretary

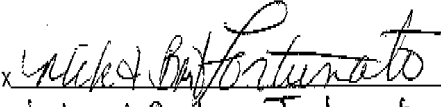
Dated March 13, 2015 at Greenwich, Connecticut

As a resident/Home Owner of Greenwich Connecticut, I request, according to my rights under the Town Charter, Section 100, to refer this MI decision to the entire Representative Town Meeting.

Signature: X  4/13/2015
Name: Otto Laversdorf
Address: 22 Booth Court
TAX ID # 03-153415
Greenwich, CT 06830

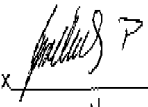
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Name: Nicholas + Barbara Fortunato
Address: 26 Booth Court
TAX ID #

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Address: 21 Booth Court Unit B Greenwich, CT 06830
TAX ID #
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Address: 9 BOOTH TERRACE

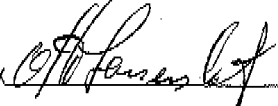
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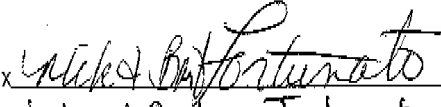
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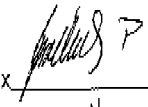
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Signature: X  4/10/15
Name: LORRAINE PIASECKI
Address: 9 BOOTH TERRACE

ITEM NO.

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DEPARTMENT: RTM District 8 members

CONTACT: Jason Auerbach, Barry Rickert, Warren Silver, District 8

REFERRED TO: Education, Legislative & Rules Committee

VOTES:

RESOLVED, that Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Municipal Code of the Town entitled: “CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE 1. – (RESERVED)” be amended by adding to Article 1 Section 2-1 as follows:

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

**ARTICLE 1. – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
[(RESERVED)]**

Sec[s]. 2-1 Membership of the Board of Education [through 2-4. - (Reserved)] The Board of Education shall consist of nine members. The Town of Greenwich hereby establishes the following method of rotation and term of office. Effective with the November 3, 2015 Greenwich municipal election, five board of education members shall be elected to serve a four year term. The five newly elected board of education members will be seated in time for the next regularly scheduled board of education meeting, thereby resulting in a nine member board. The four board of education members elected at the previous biennial election on November 5, 2013, shall serve out the remainder of their terms. At the subsequent biennial election on November 7, 2017, four board of education members shall be elected to serve a four year term. Thereafter, on biennial election cycles, the Greenwich electorate will elect, five and four members on a rotating basis, resulting in a nine member board.”

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:

Historical Background of Greenwich BoE

Consistent with obligations under Connecticut Education Laws, the Town of Greenwich established a Board of Education (“BoE”) to “maintain good public elementary schools, implement the educational interests of the state...and provide such other educational activities as in its judgment will best serve the interests of the school district”. In 1966, the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting (“RTM”), by resolution, increased the number of BoE members from six (6) to eight (8). Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 146, Section 9-205

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authorizes: “Any town may, at any time, by ordinance, make the number of its board of education five, seven or eight.”

On June 9, 1975, the RTM voted to adopt Connecticut General Statute, Section 9-204a, to authorize nomination of candidates equal to the number of members of the BoE to be elected and authorizing electors to vote for the full number of members to be elected. Subsequently, on November 4, 1975, the question passed referendum vote at the Greenwich municipal election. Section 9-204a, may be adopted by charter or referendum.

In 1997, an effort was made to adopt Section 9-204b of the Connecticut General Statutes, by ordinance. Section 9-204b provides for an alternative method of electing board of education members. The resolution was defeated on the merits, however, it does not appear to have been challenged on legal order. Meaning, the resolution was allowed to be voted on as an ordinance. The statutory language indicates that Section 9-204b may be adopted either by ordinance or charter.

Proposed Change

We ask the RTM to increase the BoE membership from eight (8) to nine (9). Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 146, Section 9-203 provides that: “Any town may, at any time, by ordinance, make the number of its board of education three six, nine or twelve...” While others provisions in Sections 9-203 – 9-206a give an option of an ordinance or charter change, Section 9-203 specifies a change to be made by ordinance.

Effective with the November 3, 2015 Greenwich municipal election, five BoE members would be elected to serve a four year term. The five newly elected BoE members will be seated in time for the next regularly scheduled BoE meeting, thereby resulting in a nine member board. The four BoE members elected at the previous biennial election on November 5, 2013, will continue to serve out the remainder of their terms. At the subsequent biennial election on November 7, 2017, four BoE members will be elected for a four year term. Thereafter, on biennial election cycles, the Greenwich electorate will elect five and four members on a rotating basis, resulting in a nine member board.

Rationale for a Nine-Member BoE

Competitive elections and voter choice are critical to ensuring an effective BoE, and perhaps more importantly, are critical elements to a democratic form of government. Under the current Greenwich BoE configuration, there is no systemic mechanism to encourage competition or choice.

The Democratic and Republican parties have not consistently provided choices for Greenwich voters and effectively appointed BoE members to seats. The current eight-member board has four seats open at each election. Minority

election rules assure that each party will win no more than two seats. In order to prevent “the other party’s voters” from deciding who should be elected, the Republican and Democratic Town Committees routinely field only the number of candidates necessary to fill “their seats.” The RTC and DTC are comprised of between 60 to 65 voting members meaning between 120 and 130 electors in Greenwich effectively select BoE members. Since 1991, the Republican Town Committee has given voters a choice among candidates less than half the time. Since 1991, the Democratic Town Committee has given voters a choice among candidates less than a quarter of the time. In most instances, the circumstances where parties provided more candidates involved intra-party political fights rather than providing choice to Greenwich voters. This phenomena has the practical effect of disenfranchising Greenwich taxpayers and disconnecting the BoE from the electorate at large.

A nine member BoE would create an odd-number of open seats every other election cycle. With five open seats, the political parties would be encouraged to nominate three candidates each. As a result, at least six candidates would be running for five seats, thereby providing competition and voter choice.

While an eight member BoE served the Town well through the 1970s and 1980s, it has recently created a number of governance challenges in recent years including the inability to elect board leadership and break ties on important educational policy and fiscal matters. A unique challenge to even-number boards is their potential to be deadlocked at key votes. Unlike the Board of Estimate and Taxation, BoE does not have a mechanism to “break” a tie through a vote of the chairperson or some other mechanism. This allows four members of the board to freeze decision making on vital issues. As an example, twice in recent years the BoE has been unable to effectively elect the chair and vice-chair positions as partisan segments formed and votes repeatedly deadlocked. Only under threat from intervention by the Board of Selectmen did the Board eventually break the deadlock. This is a primary reason other municipalities have selected as created odd-numbered boards.

Comparative BoEs in Fairfield County

The Greenwich BoE membership of eight (8) is an outlier in the State of Connecticut. Nine members is the most common configuration throughout the state. There are twenty-two school districts in Fairfield County. Ten districts including Darien, Fairfield, New Canaan, and Stamford have nine member boards. Nine districts including Westport and Weston have seven member boards. Danbury has an eleven member board. Finally, two districts have six member boards which are elected biennially with three members being elected at each election cycle.

Conclusion

Parents, students, teachers and taxpayers deserve a BoE that is accountable, responsive and effective. Competitive elections and voter choice will help further those goals. Increasing the BoE members from eight (8) to nine (9) will encourage competitive elections, give voters choice, and prevent partisan segments from deadlocking board business.

We are RTM members, but more importantly parents of children in the Greenwich public school system. In our capacity as RTM members, we feel it is our obligation to create an environment to support the best possible education system for our children as well as yours. Competitive elections and voter choice are essential elements to democracy. Let's not sacrifice these critical values for the sake of maintaining even representation from political parties. Please support our effort to work towards a better BoE, and therefore a better educational experience for our children.

Respectfully submitted by:

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ATTACHMENTS: petition sheets

Summary: The Petition below is in support of the Board of Education Ordinance to increase the board of Education from 8 members to 9 members effective with the November 3, 2015 election. I have read the proposed ordinance supplied on the previous page and ask that the RTM vote to approve this ordinance at its April 2015 meeting.

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