



**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GREENWICH**

**EXPLANATORY COMMENTS FOR
MARCH 2015 MEETING**

ITEM NO. **1**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointments, Land Use Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote was done by ballot: 7 votes
 received (of 11 possible)

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

CARL G. R. CARLSON, JR.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Dr. Carlson was born in Greenwich and since 1996 has been a RTM member from District One where he currently serves as Vice Chairman. He is the delegate to the Appointments Committee. He views himself as an independent thinker in matters as serious as condemnation and feels that his long time knowledge of the Greenwich commercial district is important to the work of the Condemnation Commission. Dr. Carlson received a Masters Degree and a PhD in Mathematics from Stanford University.

ITEM NO. **2**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointments , Land Use Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote was done by ballot: 10 votes
 received (of 11 possible)

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

DONALD L. CONWAY

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Mr. Conway is an incumbent on the Condemnation Commission and is the District 2 delegate to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Conway films the Town of Greenwich meetings for GCTV, Greenwich Community Television and is well versed in the business

of the Town of Greenwich. Mr. Conway closely followed the North Mianus Sewer litigation and feels he learned the importance of good communication when dealing with Condemnation Commission issues. This knowledge combined with his long service on the RTM and familiarity with Public Works provide him with a historical perspective on potential issues for the commission. Don is a part time realtor in Greenwich.

ITEM NO. 3
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointments, Land Use Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote was done by ballot: 11 votes received (of 11 possible)

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

JACKIE K. HAMMOCK

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Ms. Hammock serves as the District 6 Delegate on the Finance Committee. Jackie has 28 years of experience as a Greenwich Realtor and a demonstrated capability and interest in researching property tax records. Ms. Hammock holds an undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance and has an MBA in Marketing. Jackie is currently serving as Secretary of the Condemnation commission. Jackie has resided in Greenwich since the age of 10 and has lived in many neighborhoods.

ITEM NO. 4
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointments , Land Use Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote was done by ballot: 11 votes received (of 11 possible)

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

P. JUDE COLLINS

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Jude Collins has lived in Greenwich for over ten years and is a member of the RTM in District 2.

Mr. Collins began his career as a real estate appraiser in 1984 and specializes in commercial properties, industrial properties, apartment buildings, and vacant land sites.

He is a Certified General Appraiser in the states of Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. He holds an “ASA” designation from the American Society of Appraisers and a MRICS from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He holds a General Certification issued by the Connecticut Department of Transportation Right-of-Way Panel. He is also a certified Eminent Domain Appraiser for the State of New York Department of Transportation. Additionally he is a qualified expert witness in the United States Bankruptcy Court.

ITEM NO. 5
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointments, Land Use Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote was done by ballot: 11 votes received (of 11 possible)

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

PAUL C. SETTELMAYER

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Mr. Settelmeyer is an incumbent on the Condemnation Commission and is the District 2 Delegate on the Land Use Committee. Previously he represented Greenwich on the board of the South West Regional Planning (SWRPA) and served on the SWRPA Transit Oriented Development Committee. Mr. Settelmeyer had a distinguished executive career in commercial banking with a focus on financing commercial real estate. His expertise and responsibilities included analysis of real estate based on economic value, cost, and comparative analysis both with major money center banks and regional banking firms. He is well versed on the legal processes involved in the condemnation of property.

ITEM NO. 6
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointments, Legislative & Rules Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote 11-0-0

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.

KLAUS H. JANDER

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Mr. Jander has resided in Greenwich since 1977 and is serving his first term as a member of the RTM in District 8. Mr. Jander practiced international law in New York for over forty years and retired from Clifford Chance in 2006 where he was the Chairman of the German and Central European Practice Group and a Member of the North American Regional Management Committee. He continues to consult with international clients on transnational business and other legal matters. Mr. Jander serves as a director and/or officer of a number of multinational companies. He has published 2 books and 23 articles on various transnational legal topics.

ITEM NO. **7**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Candace Garthwaite – 203-698-0015 cvgarthwaite@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: Appointment, Legislative & Rules Committees
VOTES: Appointments Committee Vote 10-0-1

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.

RYAN C. OCA

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Mr. Oca is a native to Greenwich and is serving his first term as a member of the RTM District One where he is a delegate to the Health and Human Services Committee. Ryan graduated from Florida State University College of Law in 2011 where he specialized in International Law. He is presently a Temporary Assistant Clerk with the Stamford Superior Court House and feels privileged to observe and learn from the judges. Ryan recently passed the Connecticut Bar Exam and is seeking a litigation position with a local law firm.

ITEM NO.: **8**
DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation 1503PR01
CONTACT: Joseph Siciliano 203.622.6472 jsiciliano@greenwichct.org
 Jim Michel 203.622.7767 jmichel@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: Finance, Parks & Recreation Committees
VOTES: P&Z Commission; 5-0-0, Board of P&R; 7-0-1

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift with an estimated value of \$566,457.00 from the Greenwich Community Projects Fund Inc. for the installation of a September 11th Memorial at Cos Cob Park. This gift also includes a \$25,000 endowment for routine maintenance.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

In the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Town of Greenwich lost 32 individuals with ties to the Greenwich community. They were current and past Town residents; former students at one of the local or public or private schools; residents by birth; siblings of Town residents; and people whose final resting place is in a local cemetery. Inspiration for the new memorial's design came from several sources. Following the events of September 11th, friends and family members searched desperately to identify those who were lost and to express their feelings of national unity and patriotism in the wake of the tragedy. Memorial walls were filled with the pictures and names of loved ones woven between flags, flowers and candles cropped up across New York City. Months later, after Ground Zero was cleared, a powerful and moving "Towers of Light" memorial was set up, marking the spot where the towers once stood. The architects of the Greenwich Memorial sought to capture this striking and ethereal expression in a permanent form.

This memorial will be placed in Cos Cob Park, on a bluff overlooking scenic Cos Cob Harbor. The design of the Memorial features two clear glass towers clad with an American flag motif, with each stripe containing the names of those who lost their lives in their respective towers. The Memorial towers will stand nearly 12' tall by 20" square, proportionate to the original towers. Compass points radiate from the center of the plaza, pointing towards Washington D.C., Manhattan's World Trade Center Site and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The sole Greenwich Victim of the Shanksville event is memorialized in an adjacent pavement marker. The glass towers sit on stone pavement reminiscent of the original World Trade Center Plaza, winding down two spiraling hillside paths connecting to the park's perimeter circulating paths. Surrounding the plaza and paths are wildflower meadows with protective shrub and tree screening, providing a private and tranquil setting for visitors, allowing them to focus on the view toward the memorial and the harbor beyond.

This memorial is 100% privately funded and is offered in this gift to the Town. This memorial will be accessible for families and the community to visit and reflect upon. In addition, the park's proximity to the community enables schools and other groups to provide an educational experience for young people to never forget the events of September 11, 2001.

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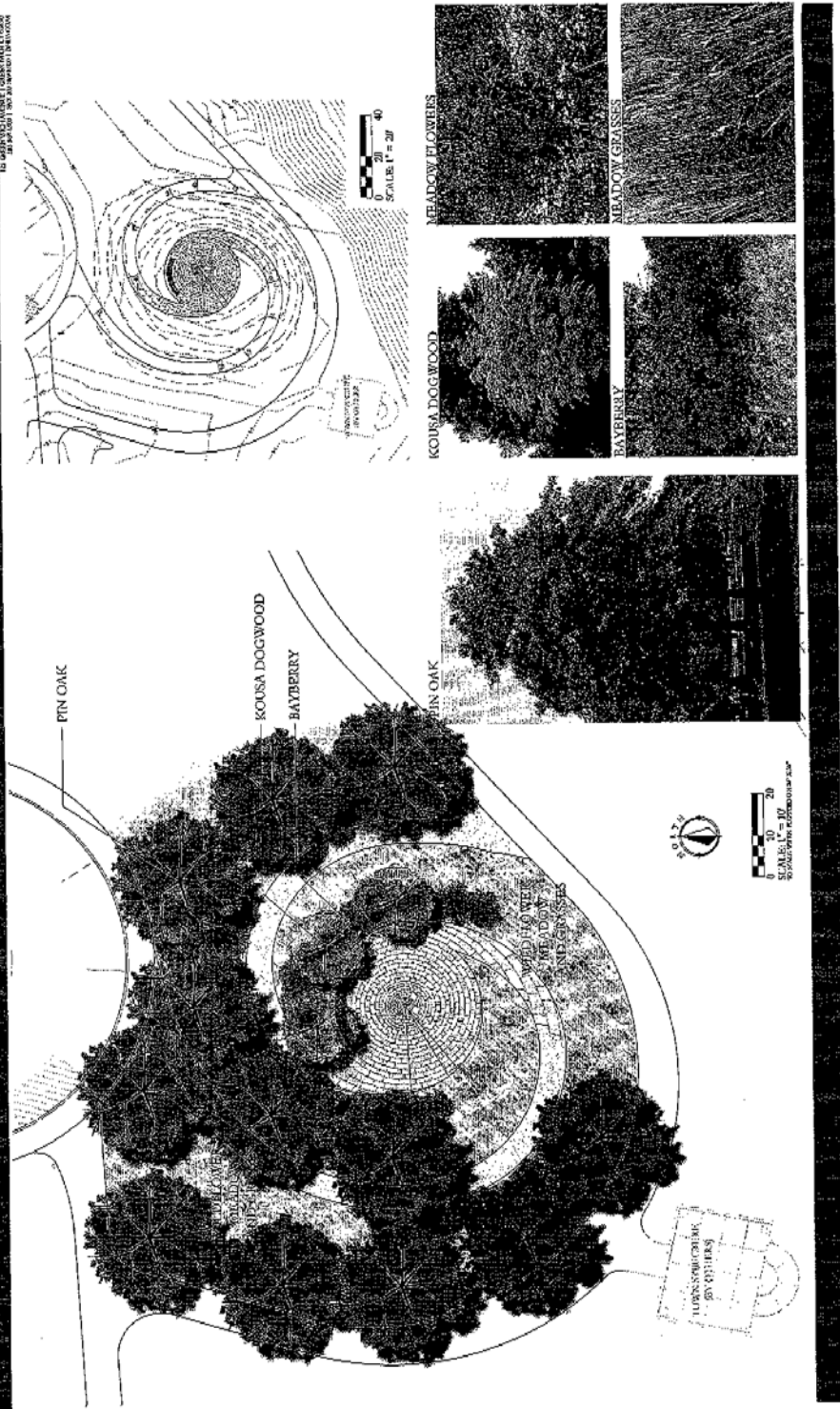
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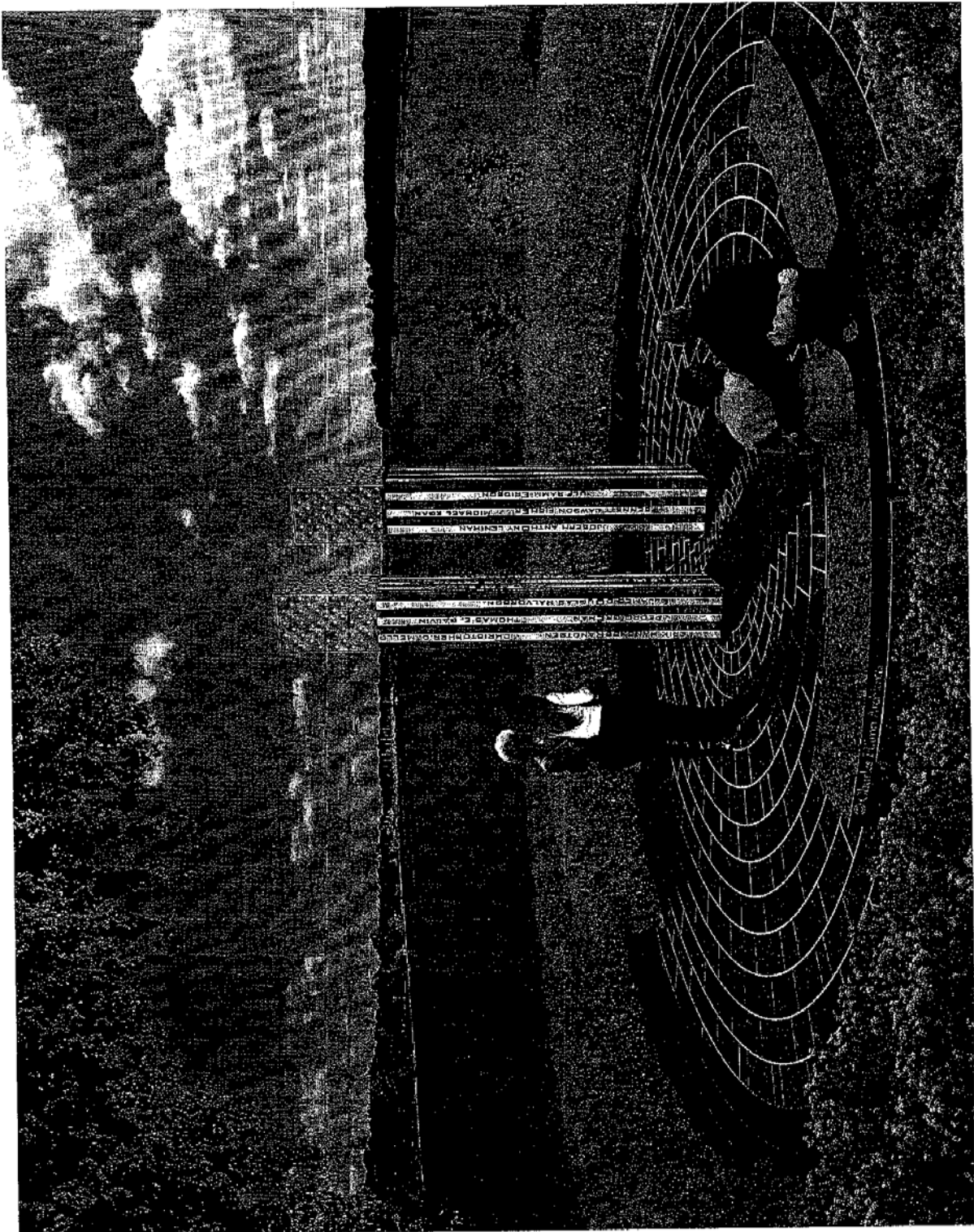
SEPTEMBER 11th MEMORIAL

GREENWICH, CT
JANUARY 1, 2014

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Greenwich September 11th Memorial Pricing Estimate - Updated 2/10/15			
Company/Person	Updated	Material	Price
Town Permit Fee	10/15/2014		\$0
Land Surveyor - Milone & MacBroom	2/4/2015		\$2,500
	2/10/2015		\$2,500
Layout tower locations			
Layout road, paving, final survey			
Fred Durante	10/28/2014	Excavation (Dig & Back Fill)	\$90,000
		Concrete Foundation (3500psi - Greenwich Town Spec)	
		Installation of Stone Paving (with concrete slab)	
		Paving (Blacktop)	
		Installation of curbing around the blacktop edge	
		Install Stone Bench	
R.G. Hull & Associates	2/4/2015	Glass Fabrication	\$45,000
Ferra Design Inc.	2/2/2015	Glass Tower Fabrication & Installation	\$115,815
		Steel Fabrication	
		- Foundation Steel	
		- Tower Metal Caps	
		- Directional Metal Channels	
		- Bird Deterrent	
Petrillo Stone	2/2/2015	Stone Paving Material Cut Only (Estimate)- Thermal Finish	
		- Stone bench - polished	\$140,800
Doyle Herman Associates/Cecil Brothers	8/15/2014	Landscaping	\$49,000
		- Tree	
		- Bushes	
		- Meadow Mix	
National Lawn Sprinklers, Inc.	10/20/2014	- Irrigation	\$9,800
Outside Company		Entry Signage (TBD)	\$5,000
Sub-Total			\$460,415
GC-Fred Durante 10% Fee	10/28/2014		\$46,042
Contingency			\$25,000
Total Construction Costs			\$531,457
Professional Fees			
Charles Hilton Architects	10/14/2014	Projected cost \$25,000	\$0
Doyle Herman Design Associates	10/24/2014	Projected cost \$10,000 at 50% = \$5,000	\$5,000
Engineer Fee	Estimate		\$2,000
		Total	\$538,457
Town of Greenwich Insurance for Memorial			\$3,000
Town of Greenwich Maintenance Funding			\$25,000
		Final Donation Amount	\$566,457

CHARLES HILTON ARCHITECTS

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ITEM NO: **9**
DEPARTMENT: Petition from twenty registered voters
CONTACT: Jason Auerbach – 646-522-6566, Warren Silver – 917-664-5817,
Barry Rickert - 203-313-9763
REFERRED TO: Education, Legislative & Rules Committees
VOTES: n/a

Whereas, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-203 and 9-205, the Town of Greenwich shall establish the number of members of the Greenwich Board of Education;

Whereas, electors of the town desire elections for members of the Board of Education to be competitive and encourage political parties to offer multiple candidates for election by citizens;

Resolved by the Representative Town Meeting that effective November 4, 2015, the Greenwich Board of Education shall have 9 (nine) members.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Consistent with obligations under Connecticut Education Laws, the Town of Greenwich established a local Board of Education 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 the early 1960s, the Representative Town Meeting through ordinance determined the Greenwich Board of Education would be comprised of eight (8) members. This configuration served the Town well through the 1970s and 1980s but has 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. In order to make our school system more responsive to taxpayers and parents, as well as improve outcomes for children, we ask the RTM to increase the membership of the BoE from eight (8) to nine (9) members.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-203 and 9-205, towns and other municipalities are responsible to establish the number of members and terms of office for their local board of education. Sec. 9-203 specifies that boards shall consist of three, six, nine or twelve residents. Under Sec. 9-205, towns may also make their district board five, seven or eight members. In the early 1960’s, the Greenwich RTM elected to make the local BoE comprised of eight members. The selection of the number of members can be made (or modified) through ordinance by the appropriate approving authority; in the case of Greenwich through a vote of the Representative Town Meeting. Complimenting

these BoE membership statutes are minority representation laws that assure both major parties have a minimum number of seats and prevents a single party from overwhelmingly dominating a board.

In the early 1960's, Greenwich elected to make its board membership comprise eight members with half of its members elected at biennial elections. This decision is unique in Connecticut with nine (9) members being the most common configuration throughout the state. There are 22 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. Last, two districts have six member boards which are elected biennially with three members being elected at each election cycle.

A board configuration of eight members with four members being elected biennially has created governance and electoral problems in recent years. 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.

Additionally, considering their own interests under Connecticut minority representation statutes, the Democratic and Republican parties have not consistently provided choices for Greenwich voters and effectively appointed BoE members to seats. By selecting an eight-member board with half of the members being elected biennially, four seats are open at each election. Minority election rules assure that each party will win 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 and voter choice 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.

To make the Board of Education more effective, more responsive to taxpayers and parents, and more reflective of the Greenwich community, we propose to increase the board from eight (8) to nine (9) members. Nine members would bring Greenwich in line with common practice throughout Connecticut, prevent partisan segments from deadlocking board business, and ensure political parties contest elections at the ballot box rather than in closed party caucuses. Recent budget proposals including the GEA teachers' contract have raised concern about the BoE responsiveness to taxpayers and voters. We are concerned primarily with making the BoE more reflective of and accountable to Greenwich taxpayers and voters, as well as fulfilling its primary duty to provide an excellent school system and improve outcomes for our town's children.

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SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	ADDRESS
	MICHAEL E. ROSS	57 Long Meadow Rd. Riv.
	Janet Ross	57 Long Meadow Rd. Riv.
	Glynis Bylciw	48 Long Meadow Rd
	Karen Bylciw	18 Long Meadow Rd
	SAM ROMEO	7 NEIGHBORLY WAY
	Charles Thivierge	7 Neighborly Way
	Laura Romeo Thivierge	7 Neighborly Way
	Mary B. Romeo	7 Neighborly Way
	Fred Newton	417 Bryant Ave 21
	Jennifer Negrin	40 Highway O.G.
	Jeff Negrin	40 Highway Ave O.G.
	Monica Ware	354 Valley Road - Corral
	Maria Fata	23 Perna Lane Riverside
	Luigi Fata	23 Perna Lane Riverside
	Anthony Marino	22 Sunshine Ave Riverside
	Nicole Silver	12 Indian Rock Lane
	Warren Silver	12 Indian Rock Lane
	Jason Auerbach	18 Field Rd, Riverside
	Leslie Affaro	15 Tory Rd, Riverside
	Meredith Varkuti	3515 Ridge Rd, CG
	Karen Sherr	55 Long Meadow Rd, Riv.