



**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GREENWICH**

**EXPLANATORY COMMENTS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING**

ITEM NO: **1-** Postponed from the June 2017 meeting
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@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 a member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency for a term expiring 3/31/21.

ALAN ROSSI

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Alan Rossi, of 36 Oak St., Greenwich, 06831, has been nominated to be a full member of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency for a term expiring 3/31/21.

Mr. Rossi is a management consultant in business policy, strategic planning, marketing, operations management, mergers and acquisitions, as well as an advisor to private equity partnerships and to social enterprises focused on sustainable economic development and social justice. Since 2006 he has been associated as a managing director of Consultel, LTD in Greenwich. His work has provided him involvement in agriculture where he has learned of the key importance of water and water management in a community's quality of life.

Mr. Rossi earned a bachelor's degree (with honors) and a master's degree (with distinction) in electrical engineering from Purdue University. He also studied financial management at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and received a master's degree in business management from the Imperial College of the University of London. He has lived in Greenwich since 1982.

ITEM NO: **2**
DEPARTMENT: Petitioners
CONTACT: Karen DeWahl BYO Greenwich
REFERRED TO: *Land Use & Legislative & Rules Committees*
VOTES:

The RTM resolves to adopt the following ordinance that protects the environment in the Town of Greenwich for the benefit and welfare of its residents, by banning single-use plastic bags (as defined), and encouraging reusable bags, and initiating a \$.25 fee

for single-use paper bags.

August 9, 2017

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX
TOWN OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT
Reusable Checkout Bag Initiative

Whereas the Town Selectmen have the authority under Article XXX of the Connecticut Constitution and The Town Greenwich Charter to regulate issues of solid waste, litter and pollution as a local concern; and,

WHEREAS, the use of all single-use checkout bags (plastic and paper) have severe environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, litter, harm to wildlife, ground level ozone formation, atmospheric acidification, water consumption and solid waste generation; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately one hundred (100) business establishments herein in the Town of Greenwich, most of which provide single-use checkout bags to their customers; and

WHEREAS, many of these single-use checkout bags are made from fossil fuel based plastic or other material that does not readily decompose; and

WHEREAS, approximately nine hundred fifty million (950 million) single-use plastic bags are used annually in Connecticut but less than 5% are recycled; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have documented the prevalence of single-use plastic check out bags littering the environment, blocking storm drains and fouling beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwich taxpayers must bear the brunt of the clean-up costs of this litter; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are a significant source of marine debris and are hazardous to marine animals and birds which often confuse single-use plastic check out bags for a source of food resulting in injury and death to birds and marine animals; and

WHEREAS, the use of single-use paper bags results in greater (GHG) emissions, atmospheric acidification, water consumption, and ozone production than single-use plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, from an overall environmental and economic perspective, the best alternative to single-use check out bags is a shift to reusable bags.

WHEREAS, it is the Town's desire to conserve resources, reduce the amount of GHG emissions, waste, litter and marine pollution and to protect the public health and welfare including wildlife, all of which increase the quality of life for the Town's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, studies document that banning plastic bags and placing a mandatory charge on paper bags will dramatically reduce the use of both types of bags by 70% to 90%.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Town Selectmen of Greenwich, Connecticut, that Chapter XXX Article X of the Code of the Town of Greenwich be amended as follows:

Chapter XXX
SOLID WASTE

Article XXX
Reusable Checkout Bag Initiative

§ XXX-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the environment in Greenwich for the benefit and welfare of its residents by encouraging the use of reusable checkout bags; by phasing out the use of single-use plastic bags and initiating a \$.25 fee for single-use paper bags.

§ XXX-2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

- a) *Business Establishment* means any business or non-profit that sells or provides merchandise, goods, or materials, including, without limitation, clothing, food, or personal items of any kind, directly to a customer; includes, by way of example and not limitation, any grocery store, department store, hardware store, pharmacy, liquor store, restaurant, catering truck, convenience store, hospital, library, school, Town facility and vendor, including temporary ones at farmers markets, street fairs and school or Town sponsored events.
- b) *Checkout Bag* means a carryout bag used by the customer at the point of sale for the purpose of removing products purchased from business establishments. "Checkout bag" does not mean *Product Bag*.
- c) *Compostable Plastic Bag* means a plastic checkout bag that conforms to at least the minimum standards of California labeling law and meets current ASTM D6400 Standard Specifications for compost ability, is labeled as meeting the ASTM Standard by a recognized third-party independent verification entity, and is labeled "Compostable" on both sides of the bag either in green color lettering that is at least one inch in height or within a green color band at least one inch in height in order to be readily and easily identifiable.

- d) *Product Bag* means a single-use plastic or paper non checkout bag to include newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, laundry dry cleaning bags, bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste bags, yard waste bags, and bags that are used by consumers inside stores to: package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, mushrooms, nuts, grains, candy; contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether packaged or not; contain or wrap flowers, potted plants or other items where dampness may be a problem; contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; contain pharmacy prescriptions; and safeguard public health during the transportation of hospital waste.
- e) *Reusable Checkout Bag* means a bag of cloth or other material with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for long-term multiple reuse and meets all of the following requirements: 1) Is machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned or disinfected, and 2) if made of film plastic, is a minimum of at least 6 mils thick and contains at least 30% post-consumer plastic content.
- f) *Single-Use Paper Bag* means a paper bag that contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer content and contains no old growth fiber.
- g) *Single-Use Plastic Bag* means any bag made from fossil fuels and is less than 6 mils thick.

§ XXX-3. Prohibited acts.

- a) Other than *reusable checkout bags*, as defined in this ordinance, no *business establishments* shall make available any *single-use plastic bags* (either complementary or for a fee).
- b) Nothing in this section shall preclude *business establishments* from making *reusable checkout bags* or *single-use paper bags*, as defined in this ordinance, available for sale to customers.
- c) No business establishment shall charge a fee or prevent a customer from using a bag of any kind that they have brought for the purposes of carrying goods from such *business establishments*.
- d) No *business establishment* shall distribute *single-use plastic bag*, as defined in this ordinance, at any Town facility, Town-managed concession, Town-sponsored nor, Town-permitted event unless otherwise permitted pursuant to this ordinance.

§ XXX-4. Single-Use Paper Bag Fee and Fee Exemptions.

- a) **Fee:**
 - 1. *Business establishments* shall charge a \$.25 fee for each *single-use paper bag*, as defined in this ordinance, provided to any customer. The \$.25 charge must be listed as a single line item on the customer's receipt and is not taxable to the customer.
 - 2. All monies collected shall be retained by the *business establishment*.
- b) **Fee Exemptions:**

1. The \$.25 fee does not apply to WIC, SNAP, and food stamp program transactions.
2. The \$.25 fee does not apply to *product bag* as defined in this ordinance.

§ XXX-5. Enforcement; violations and penalties.

- a) This ordinance shall be implemented, administered and enforced by the Department designee. All penalty fees collected shall be kept by designee to cover costs of the ordinance implementation, administration and enforcement.
- b) Upon being made aware of a potential violation of this chapter, the Department designee shall investigate and determine whether a violation has occurred.
- c) If the investigation confirms that a violation has occurred, then the Department designee shall give written notice to the *Business Establishment*, performing such violation that the violation is occurring and must stop.
- d) Such notice shall be in writing and may be served upon a person to whom it is directed either by delivering it personally to him or her or by posting same upon a conspicuous portion of the property and sending a copy of same by certified mail to the person to whom the notice is directed.
- e) *Business Establishment* performing the violation is responsible for confirming, in writing, that the violation has ceased to the Department designee within 14 days of receipt of the notice.
- f) A second violation after the fourteen-day response period of the first violation and within one year of the receipt of the confirmation that the violation had ceased shall incur a penalty of \$300.
- g) A third violation within one year of the second and any subsequent violations shall incur a penalty of \$500.
- h) Each occurrence of a violation after the first, and each day that such violation continues, shall constitute a separate violation and may be cited as such.

§ XXX-6. Appeals.

Any violation charged under this article may be appealed, in writing, to the Department designee within 14 days of receipt of a written notice of violation. Department designee may waive the individual violation or the requirements of this article on showing of good cause or undue hardship

This ordinance shall take effect on ~~XXX~~ X, 2017 to give the business community ample time to plan for any changes.

EXPLANTATORY COMMENTS

Petition Pages



Dear Elected Official,
Single-use plastic bags disperse easily into the environment because of their lightness. Impede waterways and clog storm drains. Pollute oceans and entangle & kill marine life. Degrade into small particles that contaminate our water and soil. Enter our food systems by being ingested by the fish we eat. Overwhelm landfills. Cost municipalities large amounts of money to clean up. Require nonrecyclable, fossil fuels to manufacture. And they are not free.

I support the attached Reusable Checkout Bag Initiative (RCBI) ordinance that protects the environment in Greenwich for the benefit and welfare of its residents by encouraging the use of reusable checkout bags; by phasing out the use of single-use plastic bags and initiating a \$.25 fee for single-use paper bags. Strong leadership is needed to protect our community.

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18. Andy Sarg	297 Sans M. Rd	10	Andy Sarg	Andy.Sarg@gmail.com	
19. Glen Taylor	21 Michael Lane Gr	11	Glen Taylor	gtaylor@aol.com	
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28. Michael J. Sessner	68 Dorsey Rd	12	Michael J. Sessner	2036614561	
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ITEM NO: 3
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee Date August 23, 2017
CONTACT: John Eddy 203-550-7122 rtm@johneddy.com
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use, Legislative & Rules and Public Works Committees*
VOTES: 12-0-0 11/16 **Votes:**

Whereas the Appointments Committee of the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Greenwich, CT seeks to more effectively manage and execute the responsibilities assigned the RTM for making appointments and nominations;

and ...

Whereas this same committee seeks to more effectively manage and execute its responsibilities to advise the RTM with respect to all other appointments which come before the RTM;

Be it resolved that Sec. 2-17. - Membership; number; appointment of CHAPTER 2.
ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE 4. - FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD of the Code of Ordinances of the Town shall be amended by replacing said Section 2-17 with the following:

Sec. 2-17- Membership; number; appointment.

Composition

The Flood and Erosion Control Board shall consist of five (5) regular members.

In addition to five (5) regular members, the Board shall also include two (2) alternate members.

Eligibility

Members shall be resident electors of the Town of Greenwich or as designated in Section 45 "Flood and Erosion Control Board" of Article 4 "Flood and Erosion Control Board" of the Charter of the Town of Greenwich.

Appointment Process

Four (4) regular members and the two (2) alternate members shall be appointed by the Representative Town Meeting. The fifth regular member of the Board shall be the First Selectman of the Town. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired portion of a term in the same manner as regular and alternate appointments.

Establishment of Unique Designations

Each of the (six) 6 appointed positions on this Board are assigned a unique designation to facilitate auditing of the appointment process over the course of time. Each designation contains a letter followed by a number. The letter identifies the category of membership; "R" indicating a regular member and "A" indicating an alternate member. The number following the letter uniquely identifies each position within the respective category.

The initial association of position designations to names of appointed members shall be established by resolution adopted by the appointing authority, the Representative Town Meeting.

Length and types of terms

Terms for appointed regular members and alternates shall be for a period of four (4) years except for the shorter one-time interim terms for members R3 and R4, as designated in subsection f, "Designation of Board Positions"

Three (3) types of terms are utilized in the subsections below. "Current Term" refers to a term to which someone has been both appointed before January 1, 2018 and which appointment expires after January 1, 2018. "Interim Term" refers to a single term of less than four (4) years and which is used once, as specified in subsection(f.1) below, to accomplish a staggering of the term expiration years of the Board positions for the purpose limiting the scheduled of turnover Board members in a single year and minimizing risk to Board continuity.

When appointing a new member to this Board, the new member will receive the position designation previously assigned the person she or he is succeeding and such designation will be indicated on all notices of nomination and appointment including, but not limited to, the agenda and the minutes of the Representative Town Meeting, the committees of the Representative Town Meeting and, where appropriate, the agenda and minutes of the Board of Selectmen.

Effective January 1, 2018, current terms shall expire on October 31 and commence on November 1 according to the designations in subsection(f.1).

Each regular member and alternate member appointed heretofore and serving on January 1, 2018 shall continue to serve such term to which such member was appointed. Such term shall be extended to expire on October 31 following the date on which their current appointment was scheduled to expire.

Appointed members of the Board shall hold office until their successors shall have been appointed and shall qualify.

Designation of Board Positions

The positions for the four (4) appointed regular members shall be designated positions R1 through R4 and the positions for the two (2) appointed alternate members shall be designated positions A1 and A2. These terms for these positions are defined as follows:

(R1): The current term for regular member (R1) shall expire October 31, 2020. Terms thereafter shall be for a period of four (4) years.

(R2): The current term for regular member (R2) shall expire October 31, 2021. Terms thereafter shall be for a period of four (4) years.

(R3): The current term for regular member (R3), shall expire October 31, 2021. The next appointment will be to a one-year (1-year) interim term which will expire October 31, 2022. Terms thereafter shall be for a period of four (4) years.

(R4): The current term for regular member (R4) shall expire October 31, 2020. The next appointment will be to a three-year (3-year) interim term which will expire October 31, 2023. Terms thereafter shall be for a period of four (4) years.

(A1): The current term for alternate member (A1) shall expire October 31, 2019. Terms thereafter shall be for a period of four (4) years.

(A2): The current term for alternate member (A2) shall expire October 31, 2019. Terms thereafter shall be for a period of four (4) years.

Seating of Alternate Members

If a member of said Board is absent or disqualified, the Chairman of the Board shall designate an alternate to so act, choosing alternates in rotation so that they shall act as nearly equal a number of times as possible. If any alternate is not available in accordance with such rotation, such fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The alternate members of the Flood and Erosion Control Board shall, when seated, have all the powers and duties set forth for such Board and its members.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Please see attached Document

Attachments

NONE

ITEM NO: **4**

DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee Date

CONTACT: John Eddy 203-550-7122 rtm@johneddy.com

REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use, Legislative & Rules and Public Works
Committees*

VOTES: NA **Votes:**

Whereas the Representative Town Meeting has amended the charter to established unique position designations for members and alternate of THE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD and ...

Whereas it is has been established by action of the Representative Town Meeting that positions on THE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD have been assigned unique position designations and ...

Whereas, when appointing a new member to this Board,

Be it resolved that,

The unique position designations previously established shall be assigned to the current members of THE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD according to the schedule below and ...

Any new member appointed in the future to the THE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD will receive the position designation assigned the person she or he is succeeding and...

Such designation will be indicated on all notices of nomination and appointment including, but not limited to, the agenda and the minutes of the Representative Town Meeting, the committees of the Representative Town Meeting and, where appropriate, the agenda and the minutes of the Board of Selectmen.

Schedule of Flood and Erosion Control Board Position Designations	
Designation	Name
R1	Edward Schmeltz
R2	John Stankunas
R3	Peter Finkbeiner
R4	Aubrey Mead
A1	Robert Cenci
A2	currently vacant, previously held by Mark Weller

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

This adoption of this schedule is subject to the RTM adopting the resolution to change term expiration dates for the Flood and Erosion Control Board— which contains language to assign each position on the Board a unique designation. (R1, A1, etc)

Its purpose is to take the unique designation assigned each position and link them to the names of current members serving on the flood and erosion control Board.

Like the resolution to amend term expiration dates for the Flood and Erosion Control Board, this schedule will also serve as a template for what will be required for the upcoming proposal to amend term expiration dates for the 13 other Town agencies regularly appointed by the RTM.

FAQ

Does this schedule need to be updated and adopted by the RTM each time a new member is appointed to the Flood and Erosion Control Board?

No. The schedule simply assigned a current name to the designation established in amended Code of Ordinances CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION ARTICLE 4. - FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD. Sec. 2-17. - Membership; number; appointment.

Once assigned, the designation is passed on to each new member succeeding the person previously holding the position designation. No additional schedule will be needed because the unique position designation, by virtue of the requirement in the amendment to the term expiration dates for this board, will hereafter be associated with the current member and successors.

Why is this needed?

To ease the administrative burden of the inherent in the appointments process. At present, this section code provides an initial term expiration dates for appointed members but does not distinguish between positions. Over the years, members of various agencies have mistakenly been assigned to terms that are not consistent with what is directed by the municipal code, exposing these agencies and the Town to risks associated with the questioning an agency's authority. The RTM has no practice in place for recording appointments other than the RTM minutes. To locate a specific appointment in the archives of the RTM is a time consuming a frustrating task, making regular audits onerous and unlikely. A unique designation ties a position an its member to an initial term expiration date, thereby allowing the auditing body to perform a simple calculation to guarantee that an appointment is consistent with the municipal code.

For example, if the position with the designation R1 has a term of 4 years with an initial expiration date of 2020 in the Municipal Code, all future expiration dates will have to be a multiple of the length of the term added to the year 2020. And audit of RTM minutes of years past is thereby made unnecessary.

ATTACHMENTS

NONE

ITEM NO:	5
DEPARTMENT:	Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT:	Suzanne Lio, Associate Director of Development, Bruce Museum 203-413-6766, slio@brucemuseum.org Eugene McLaughlin, Assistant Town Attorney, Town of Greenwich 203-622-7876; emclaughlin@greenwichct.org Ben Branyan, Town Administrator, Town of Greenwich, 203-622-7710; bbranyan@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO:	<i>Education and Legislative & Rules Committees</i>
VOTES:	Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

WHEREAS, the Town entered into a Management Agreement with the Bruce Museum, Inc. (BMI) on January 31, 1992, which designated and appointed BMI to supervise, operate and manage the Museum and administer its affairs;

WHEREAS, said Management Agreement was amended on November 2, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the First Selectman is authorized to execute the Second Amendment to Bruce Museum Management Agreement which amends the definition of “plans” to include reorganization of the existing facility and construction of an integrated addition, clarify overflow parking procedures, and more specifically define the maintenance obligations of the Town and BMI.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Separate Enclosure - additional material on web site

ITEM NO: 6
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Barbara Heins – 203-622-7702 – Barbara.Heins@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Appointments and 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 member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2019.

THOMAS McGARRITY

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Thomas F. McGarrity, of 399 Stanwich Road, Greenwich, CT 06830, has been nominated as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2019.

Mr. McGarrity has been involved in the media industry for many decades holding a variety of positions including Co-President of Univision Network Sales as well as a Principal and Media Consultant with Center of the Bullseye Consulting, a media consulting and career consulting firm in Greenwich. He has been involved with his alma mater, Colgate University, for several years. He was Chair of the University’s Presidents’ Club and since 2010, has been a member of the Alumni Council, charged with leading the alumni association, and since 2011, he has served as President of the Maroon Council, setting football fund-raising records at the university.

Mr. McGarrity has lived in Greenwich for 60 years. He is a graduate of St. Mary Grammar School and St. Mary High School and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in international relations and economics from Colgate University.

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

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Board of Selectmen, be reappointed a member of the Historic District Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2022.

MARIE WILLIAMS

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Marie Williams, of 6 Stanwich Road, Greenwich, CT 06830, has been nominated as a member of the Historic District Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2022.

Ms. Williams is a member of the Historic District Commission and considers her work in reviewing the Neighbor to Neighbor project as one of her principle contributions to the Commission. She is a member of the Greenwich Historical Society, the Endowment Commission, Christ Church Greenwich, the Knollwood Garden Club, the English Speaking Union and the founder of Palladium Musicum, a nonprofit with a focus on historic architecture. Marie is a Vice President – Investments for Wells Fargo Advisors in Old Greenwich. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Wilson College and a Master of Science in Management from MIT Sloan School of Management. She has lived in Greenwich since 1985.

ITEM NO: 8
DEPARTMENT:
CONTACT: Robert A. Simms, Jr. 203-629-8364/rs@alumni.princeton.edu
REFERRED TO: *Education, Land Use and Legislative & Rules Committees*
VOTES:

RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting approves Municipal Improvement PLPZ 2017 00048, Bruce Museum Expansion, which was referred to the RTM by Robert A. Simms under Section 100 of the Town Charter.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The proposed expansion of the Bruce Museum is of great concern to me as a resident and property owner, here, in Greenwich, and I wish for the RTM to debate this proposed project.

My residence is in the downtown area, not far from the Bruce Museum. In fact, I have walked to the museum many times. It is quite a special place, and I feel very fortunate having this wonderful facility that teaches and introduces so much to so many people. I am also a member of the Bruce Museum and I thoroughly enjoy my visits to this special and unique facility.

My concern regards the proposed doubling of the size of the museum. Our downtown, over the years, has increasingly become congested from automobile traffic, despite there being no increase to the population of our town. Traffic is a serious threat to pedestrians, bicyclists, and especially to children who visit Bruce Park — the Bruce Park Playground across the street from the museum — and to those who are on their way to the Island Beach Ferry Dock and to other local destinations.

According to a recent article in Greenwich Time, the museum expects 90,000 visitors this year, and that number is before the proposed expansion. That is fully one and one-half times the population of Greenwich. The museum director is quoted as saying that the museum “is a gateway to Greenwich and will make this a more desirable town.” Further, he said, “This is going to change this institution. It is going to be a destination point.”

I believe the museum is a treasure at its current size, and I question the need to expand, thereby attracting throngs who will add dangerous traffic congestion to an already saturated travel network. Many residents, particularly those who live in this part of town, may share this concern, and further investigation is warranted.

With this concern that the proposed doubling of the size of the Bruce Museum would adversely impact our community, I ask that the RTM debate this Municipal Improvement for the sake of the safety and character of our town.

Explains

PETITION

RECORDED

AUG 24 2017

Bruce Museum

Municipal Improvement

KEEP DOWNTOWN SAFE FOR RESIDENTS

SELECTION NUMBER

We, the undersigned residents of Downtown Greenwich, ask the RTM to question the need to double the Bruce Museum. We think the museum is a good size now for Greenwich residents. Why risk creating a regional tourist destination that could further choke our residential neighborhood with dangerous and unhealthy traffic? When is a local museum big enough?

PRINT NAME

SIGN NAME

ADDRESS

Bob Simms	Bob Simms	3 Quarry Knoll
Wendy Jennings	Wendy Jennings	36 Quarry Knoll
Dan Fure	Dan Fure	
ALBERTHA A Smith	ALBERTHA A Smith	45 Quarry Knoll
Bonnie	Bonnie	14 Quarry Knoll
MARGARET SANDOR	Margaret Sandor	31 Quarry Knoll
GEORGIANA CONWAY	Georgiana Conway	98 Quarry Knoll
Angela B. Turk	Angela B. Turk	71 Quarry Knoll
Robin Heley	Robin Heley	72 Quarry Knoll
Derrick Vines	Derrick Vines	79 Quarry Knoll
Darlene D.M.	Darlene D.M.	81 Quarry Knoll
Joseph Neumann	Joe.	Quarry Knoll
Joseph Malara Jr	Joseph Malara Jr	91-92 Quarry Knoll

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