



**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GREENWICH**

**EXPLANATORY COMMENTS FOR
DECEMBER 2013 MEETING**

ITEM NO: **1 - postponed from the October meeting**
DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman
CONTACT: Michael Rosen – 203 622 7702 - mrosen@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 appointed an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 3/31/16.

STEVEN A. CERTILMAN

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Steven Certilman, of 111 Hillcrest Park Road, Old Greenwich, 06870 has been nominated as an alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 3/31/16.

Mr. Certilman is the owner of a law firm that also provides alternate dispute resolution services. He is an attorney, arbitrator, and mediator. He has had years of interaction with various towns as an attorney, and recently represented the interests of 70 homes in Hillcrest Park during the North Mianus sewer project. He is a real estate practitioner with 30 years of experience, and currently serves as Magistrate in the Superior Court for minor criminal, motor vehicle, and small claims cases.

Steven earned his B.A. from Connecticut College, and his J.D. from the Hofstra University School of Law. He has previously served on the Board of Directors for Greenwich Jewish Family Services, Greenwich Reform Synagogue, and the Silvermine Guild Art Center. He also acted as the President of the Hillcrest Park Tax District.

ITEM NO: **2**
DEPARTMENT: Petition from RTM members
CONTACT: Contact's name: Erford Porter II and Karen Sadik Khan
Contact's phone # 203 698-0352 and 203 637 5451 respectively Contact's email address erfporter2@yahoo.com and ksadikkhan@aol.com respectively
REFERRED TO: ***Legislative & Rules Committee***
VOTES:

RESOLVED, THAT IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS MEETING THAT CANDIDATES FOR Moderator and Moderator Pro Tempore of the 2014-2015 Representative Town Meeting may file their names with a brief statement of their qualifications with the Town Clerk on or before noon of December 27, 2013 for inclusion in the Call of the January, 2014 meeting.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:

In the interest of greater transparency and early disclosure for new members, it has been suggested that the attached resolution be placed on the December call. It has been submitted to District members for their support in placing it there. A similar resolution, though limited to the position of Moderator, was passed by the RTM in the mid-nineties and this same resolution was adopted at the October 2011 meeting.

Attachments

Separate Packet
Petition pages

ITEM NO: **3**
DEPARTMENT: Public Works 1312PW01
CONTACT: James Michel, Chief Engineer (203) 626-7813
jmichel@greenwichct.org
REFERRED TO: *Legislative & Rules, Land Use, Public Works Committees*
VOTES: **Board of Selectmen Vote – 3-0-0**

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works, approved by the Board of Selectmen, that the following private road be accepted as a public street, the acceptance of this road to take effect upon certification by the Commissioner of Public Works of compliance of the road with the Commissioner's requirements as to right-of-way, width, grade, alignment, drainage, drainage easements and similar features:

Finney Knoll - As shown on Greenwich Land Records Map No. 7863 - Beginning at a point on the westerly street line of Riverside Lane, said point being located at a distance of 64.00 feet measured southwesterly, from the intersection of said street with the division line between Lot No. 7 on the above mentioned map and Lot No. 29 on map numbered 2451 in the Greenwich Land Records, then running along Riverside Lane, South 44° 40' 30" West, a distance of 70.00 feet to the division line between the parcel described herein and Lot No. 1 on map numbered 7795 in the Greenwich Land Records, then turning and running along said division line, being the street line of Finney Knoll, the following courses: An arc distance of 15.71 feet along a circular curve to the left having a radius of 10.00 feet, North 45° 19' 30" West, a distance of 126.00 feet, an arc distance of 204.43 feet along a circular curve to the right having a radius of 50.00 feet, North 8° 56' 00" West, a distance of 25.74 feet, an arc distance of 18.94 feet along a circular curve to the left having a radius of 20.00 feet, South 45° 19' 30" East, a distance

of 54.15 feet, an arc distance of 15.71 feet along a circular curve to the left having a radius of 10.00 feet to the point of place of beginning, containing 12,869 square feet, more or less.

ATTACHMENTS:

Separate packet

ITEM NO.: **4**

DEPARTMENT: Board of Education November 15, 2013

CONTACT: Lorraine Termini 625-8892 Lorraine_Termini@greenwich.k12.ct.us

REFERRED TO: *Education and Finance Committees*

VOTES: Board of Education Vote 8-0-0 (October 24, 2013)

Board of Estimate and Taxation Vote 4-0-0 (November 12, 2013)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to accept an awarded grant of \$30,000 for the Greenwich High School –Police Community Partnership Project. Per Town of Greenwich and Board of Education policy, receipt of the grant must be approved by the Board of Education, BET, and RTM Education Committee. The grant was approved by the Board of Education.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The RTM must authorize the acceptance of any grants not covered by the Annual Budget resolution.

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Separate Packet

ITEM NO.: **5**

DEPARTMENT: Office of the First Selectman 1312PR01

CONTACT: Peter J. Tesei

Joseph Siciliano 203.622.6472 jsiciliano@greenwichct.org

Bruce Spaman 203.622.6483 bspaman@greenwichct.org

REFERRED TO: *Finance and Parks & Recreation Committees*

VOTES:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich accept a gift valued at \$267,750.00 for the Bruce Park Improvement & Beautification Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenwich wishes to acknowledge Barbara and Ray Dalio for their gift and continued support for community enhancements.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The Town of Greenwich has been the beneficiary of decades of philanthropy from charitable citizens supporting a wide array of community services. As we progress through the 21st century, we are seeing this legacy of giving continue through support of the Nathaniel Witherell Skilled Nursing Facility, Greenwich High School musical instructional space and auditorium project, the Greenwich Point Conservancy and other worthy philanthropic enrichment gifts. We are pleased to present to you for acceptance, a generous gift from residents Barbara and Ray Dalio to make needed improvements to Bruce Park; one of four of Greenwich's formal parks which was gifted to the Town by the Bruce Family.

Bruce Park, located between Indian Field Road and Indian Harbor in the southern portion of Greenwich, is a public park which includes a series of large grassed, landscaped and/or wooded islands, athletic facilities, picnic area and walking paths. In an effort to enhance park facilities, improve safety and improve drainage concerns, three improvement projects are proposed within the park.

The first improvement project is located in the eastern most island of the park which is bound by Indian Field Road, Bruce Park Drive, Wood Road and Davis Avenue and includes the installation of additional sidewalks and drainage improvements. Currently an asphalt sidewalk is located along the south side of Bruce Park Drive and on the east side of Wood Road connecting Indian Field Road to the picnic area on the west side of Wood Road. Joggers and walkers wanting to travel around the remainder of the island are forced to do so within the Davis Avenue or Indian Field Road right of ways or have created their own paths through the park. In an effort to enhance the use of the park and improve pedestrian safety, approximately 2,600 linear feet of

five foot wide asphalt walkway is proposed along the remaining portion of Wood Road, Davis Avenue and Indian Filed Road to complete the loop. In the northwest portion of the loop, just north of the intersection of Bruce Park Drive and Wood Road is a flat area that experiences flooding during rain events and significant freezing in the winter. In an effort to reduce the flooding and freezing, it is proposed to clean and investigate the existing stormwater conveyance system to determine how it is functioning and to determine if any corrective measures are needed to help remove the water in a more timely fashion. To treat and attenuate stormwater runoff in the park area one or two rain gardens may be installed. One rain garden would be proposed in the area that is susceptible to flooding and freezing. A second rain garden would be proposed in a low point adjacent to Davis Avenue. A final determination on the number of rain gardens installed will be in coordination with Town of Greenwich Parks and Recreation Department and DPW Engineering Division.

<u>Improvement #1</u>	<u>Scope</u>
<u>Budget</u>	
\$7,500.00	Engineering
\$2,500.00	Drainage Investigation

\$85,000.00	Walkway
<u>\$6,750.00</u>	Drainage/Rain Garden
\$101,750.00	

The second improvement project is located in an area of the park which is bounded by Bruce Park Drive, Davis Avenue and a pond to the east and at one time, was home to a rose garden. As portions of this area are very flat, during rain events, runoff from this island is trapped in the southern portion of the area and ponds over the sidewalk for extended periods of time which causes pedestrians to walk along the shoulder of Davis Avenue. In an effort to reduce the time this area is flooded while improving pedestrian safety, it is proposed to install additional storm drains within the lawn area to provide additional collection points for the removal of stormwater. As the lawn is extremely flat, it is also proposed to amend the topsoil in this area to allow water to percolate faster into the subsurface soils and into a proposed underdrain system.

<u>Improvement #2</u>	<u>Scope</u>
<u>Budget</u>	
\$7,500.00	Engineering
\$10,000.00	Drainage/Rain Garden
<u>\$2,500.00</u>	Drainage Investigation
\$20,000.00	

The third improvement project involves management and care of shade trees and ornamental trees throughout Bruce Park. Tree care is to include maintenance and aesthetic pruning for general tree health. Specimen trees will be planted to augment and enhance the distinctive tree collection that currently exists in Bruce Park. There are also horticultural improvements planned to enhance existing perennial and bulb gardens as well as the creation of new floral display opportunities within Bruce Park.

<u>Improvement #3</u>	<u>Scope</u>
<u>Budget</u>	
\$50,000.00	Pruning for Tree Care
\$46,000.00	Tree Enhancement/Care
<u>\$50,000.00</u>	Future Flower Gardens

\$146,000.00

Total
\$267,750.00

ATTACHMENTS

SEPARATE PACKET

[BRUCE PARK IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT MAP-1312PR01 PG 4 OF 4.PDF](#)

ITEM NO. **6**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Chris von Keyserling – 203-869-0282 - cvonkey@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use and Public Works Committees*
VOTES: Appointments Committee 12-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 12/31/15.

AUBREY E. MEAD, JR., P. E.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Aubrey Mead, of 37 Orchard Street, Cos Cob 06807 has been nominated a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board (FECB) for a term expiring 12/31/15.

Mr. Mead is a long serving member of the FECB and is a life-long resident of the Town of Greenwich. In addition to the FECB, he is a Cos Cob Volunteer Fireman. Previously Mr. Mead served on the Mianus River Watershed Project Board of Directors, and as a member of the RTM.

Aubrey Mead, joined Redniss & Mead, Inc. in 1977 where he is a principal and currently serves as the firm's Vice President. His experience includes a variety of civil engineering assignments involving marinas, and other coastal projects, storm water management, roads, sewers, dams, culverts, pumping stations, water distribution and septic systems. He has extensive experience in flood impact studies associated with various projects located in flood plains.

He holds a B.S. and a M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire.

ITEM NO. **7**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Chris VonKeyserling – 203-869-0282 - cvonkey@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use and Public Works Committee.*
VOTES: Appointments Committee 12-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 12/31/17.

JOHN STANKUNAS, P.E.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

John Stankunas of 329 Cognewaugh Road, Cos Cob, CT has been has been nominated a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board (FECB) to replace Anthony MacLeod for a term expiring 12/31/17. He was appointed Alternate to the FECB in 2011. He has been a resident of Greenwich since 1976 and involved in the expansion of the Mianus River Park.

Mr. Stankunas is a licensed Professional Engineer and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE). He has over forty-five years experience as a Civil Engineer and served twenty-five years as Vice President of Malcolm Pirnie, a well-established environmental engineering consulting firm. Mr. Stankunas was the Chief Engineer of Malcolm Pirnie's Water Division and involved with the design, construction, an operation of many large infrastructure projects over the years including water, wastewater, and storm water systems throughout the US. Additionally he is familiar with various financial structures municipalities and utilities have put into place to finance their infrastructure needs.

He has a BCE degree from Manhattan College and a MS degree in Civil Engineering from the Cooper Union.

ITEM NO. **8**
DEPARTMENT: Appointments Committee
CONTACT: Chris von Keyserling – 203-869-0282 - cvonkey@gmail.com
REFERRED TO: *Appointments, Land Use and Public Works Committees*
VOTES: Appointments Committee 12-0-0

RESOLVED, that the following named person, nominated by the Appointments Committee, be appointed a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a term expiring 12/31/15.

EDWARD J. SCHMELTZ, P.E.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

Edward Schmeltz of 1 Linwood Avenue, Riverside, CT 06878 has been nominated a Member of the Flood and Erosion Control Board (FECB) for a term expiring 12/31/15. Mr. Schmeltz is a long-serving member on the FECB and was recently elected Chair of the Board.

Mr. Schmeltz is a Senior Vice President with AECOM, a multi-national firm that specializes in design and construction, transit and rail, highways and bridges, aviation, marine, planning, energy and power, and environmental services. Mr. Schmeltz is a Principal Engineer with more than 35 years of experience in the planning and design of ports and harbors, marine facilities, breakwaters and other coastal structures. He has extensive expertise in the development of marine projects at a wide range of locations having worked in more than 40 countries around the world.

Mr. Schmeltz holds a B.S degree in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and a M.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in New York, New Jersey, Texas, and Connecticut.