

**MINUTES  
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING  
MAY 13, 2013**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Caryn Diller, Assistant Town Clerk.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 13 members present, 2 absent.  
From District II, there were 11 members present, 5 absent.  
From District III, there were 13 members present, 3 absent.  
From District IV, there were 14 members present, 2 absent.  
From District V, there were 17 members present, 0 absent.  
From District VI, there were 14 members present, 1 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Henderson, Huck.  
The absentees from District II were: Bacon, Ebrahimi, Finn, Keith, Synnott.  
The absentees from District III were: Coyle, George, Saksena.  
The absentees from District IV were: Hardison, Peters.  
The absentee from District VI was : Hawkins.

The Moderator, Sarah C. Seelye, assumed the Chair. She indicated that District I had appointed two new members this evening, George Dupont and Brent Hayes.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**\*\* THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Moderator spoke of how valuable it had been for her to attend Board of Education meetings, and she thanked the Chair of the Board of Education and Lois Schneider of the RTM Education Committee for their assistance. The Moderator urged members to attend Board of Education and Board of Finance meetings.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2013 MEETING**

**\*\* THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

**13-7**

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFTWARE UPGRADE  
GIFT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE & BUDGET,  
MOVED:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-33 of the Code of the Town of Darien, the Board of Selectmen is empowered on behalf of the Town of Darien to accept gifts, provided gifts do not have a value in excess of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-33a of the Code of the Town of Darien, said gifts in excess of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) may be accepted with action by the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien; and

**WHEREAS**, the Darien Firefighters Foundation exists to raise funds to help support the needs of first responders in Darien; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Fire Marshal is seeking to upgrade the existing Firehouse software which is used by first responders to document fire incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Darien Firefighters Foundation has offered to commit Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$16,635.00) toward the purchase price of this software upgrade and software training for the operational benefit of the Office of the Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien wishes to have this gift accepted to support the needs of the Office of the Fire Marshal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien accepts with thanks the gift to the Town of Darien by the Darien Firefighters Foundation. In particular, the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien authorizes the acceptance of a gift from the Darien Firefighters Foundation in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$16,635.00). Said monies to be appropriated to the Grants Fund in an account to be established for the purpose of purchasing a software upgrade and training for the benefit of the office of the Fire Marshal.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Bruce Orr, District III, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Carolyn Schoonmaker, District IV, Chairman of the Health & Public Safety Committee, read the report of the committee (attached).

**\*\* ITEM 13-7 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 75 IN FAVOR, 0  
OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**13-8**

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROPRIATION AND BONDING OF  
\$1,500,000 FOR INTERVALE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Darien is attempting to implement various plans for drainage improvements at Intervale Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated construction cost of the project is One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) as approved by the Board of Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to obtain funding to finalize planning and to permit the start of repairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien authorizes the issuance of One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in bonds and notes to meet such appropriation to be used for drainage improvements at Intervale Road, all as more particularly set out in the resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.

**RESOLVED:**

Section 1. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated for the Intervale Road drainage improvements to increase the size of existing underground pipes, including, but not limited to, the replacement of the existing pipe with pipe of larger capacity and all related site work to provide a drainage system designed to modern standards capable of collecting and conveying most storms within the new conduits without flooding adjacent properties as well as the engineering, architectural and administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all state and federal grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, and in lieu of a tax therefor, \$1,500,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of the state and federal grants-in-aid on the Project, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent, and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and

sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended (the "General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the Town Treasurer, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest true interest cost to the Town. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance.

Section 4. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to issue and sell temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest rate, form and other details of such notes pursuant to the General Statutes. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount authorized hereby and for the Project defined herein with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the Town. Such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The First Selectman, Town Treasurer and Finance Officer or any one of them are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended,

as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution and to perform all acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue and deliver the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Officer, or any one of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years. Should such bonds or notes issues in anticipation of such bonds be issued in such form and manner that the interest on such bonds or notes is includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then it is hereby determined that the issuance of such taxable bonds or notes is in the public interest.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Bruce Orr, District III, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Mark Adiletta, District V, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**\*\* ITEM 13-8 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 75 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**13-9**

**CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROPRIATION AND BONDING OF \$460,000 FOR WEED BEACH TENNIS COURT IMOROVEMENTS**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

**WHEREAS**, the recreation amenities at Darien's public beaches are a vital part of the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of the Town of Darien; and

**WHEREAS**, the Darien Board of Selectmen established as one of its priorities consideration of the Weed Beach Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Darien supports improvements to Weed Beach that will reconstruct tennis courts #1 to #6 and all related site work; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated construction cost of the reconstruction project is Four Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$460,000.00) as approved by the Board of Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary to obtain funding to finalize planning and to permit the start of repairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien authorizes the issuance of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$460,000.00) in bonds and notes to meet such appropriation to be used for improvements of the Weed Beach tennis courts, all as more particularly set out in the resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.

**RESOLVED:**

Section 1. The sum of \$460,000 is appropriated for the Weed Beach tennis courts improvements, including, but not limited to, the reconstruction of tennis courts #1 to #6 and all related site work as well as engineering, architectural and administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related thereto (the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all state and federal grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, and in lieu of a tax therefor, \$460,000 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, may be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of the state and federal grants-in-aid on the Project, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent, and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended (the "General Statutes").

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, and the Town Treasurer, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest true interest cost to the Town. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, provisions of the purchase agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance.

Section 4. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to issue and sell temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of any series of said bonds and to determine the amount, date, date of maturity, interest

rate, form and other details of such notes pursuant to the General Statutes. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Town Treasurer, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Connecticut and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town is pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount authorized hereby and for the Project defined herein with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations authorized to be issued by the Town. Such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Board of Finance, or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance, is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The First Selectman, Town Treasurer and Finance Officer or any one of them are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution and to perform all acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue and deliver the bonds or notes. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Officer, or any one of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years. Should such bonds or notes issues in anticipation of such bonds be issued in such form and manner that the interest on such bonds or notes is includable in the gross income of the holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, then it is hereby determined that the issuance of such taxable bonds or notes is in the public interest.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Bruce Orr, District III, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Holly Schultz-Amatruda, District III, asked if there had been any discussion of priorities. Are tennis court improvements more important than sidewalks?

Liz Mao, Chairman of the Board of Finance, said that this request had started from the Board of Finance. The tennis courts were severely damaged in Hurricane Sandy. Asphalt requires a great deal of maintenance, but this new concrete is a new technology which will last forty years. The Board of Finance decided that it was time to finish up Weed Beach with new technology and issue bonds for it. The tennis courts were on their list; there were no new sidewalks in the budget presented by the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance strongly recommends this item.

John van der Kieft, District I, said he is a big fan of tennis, but he is concerned about this amount of money. He would like to know if there was competitive bidding

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson acknowledged the forward thinking of the Board of Finance, saying that it was a smart decision to do all of the repairs at the same time. The appropriation does not consider that there will be insurance reimbursement for the front courts and USDA funds. Until there is an appropriation, they cannot competitively bid the project. Sue Swiatek is looking into this.

Helen Miller, District II, spoke of the need to spend \$410,000 to support a health alliance.

**\*\* ITEM 13-9 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 65 IN FAVOR, 10 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS.**

**13-10**

**APPROPRIATION OF \$60,000,000 FOR REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OF THE TOWN'S BONDS AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Darien is desirous of taking advantage of favorable interest rates and refinancing existing bond obligations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien authorizes the authorization, issuance and sale of Town of Darien General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the amount of Sixty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) as more particularly set out in the resolution attached hereto and made part hereof.

**RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** The sum of SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$60,000,000) is appropriated to fund the redemption and the payment, in whole or in part, as determined by the First Selectman, the Town Treasurer, the Board of Finance or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance and the Finance Director of the Town of Darien (the "Town"), of the outstanding principal, accrued interest and any call premium on all or any portion of any issue of the Town's General Obligation Bonds including, but not limited to, the Town's General Obligation Bonds issued in 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 (the "Prior Bonds"), together with the costs of issuance including, but not limited to, any applicable consultants' fees, legal fees, trustee and escrow agent fees, investment fees, verification fees, underwriters' fees and other financing or transactional costs and other expenses related to the payment or redemption of such bonds for the purposes of refunding them.

**Section 2.** The Town is hereby authorized to issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$60,000,000) (the "Refunding Bonds"), to fund the appropriation authorized by Section 1 of this resolution, provided that the issuance of such Refunding Bonds achieves present value debt service savings for the Town. The Refunding Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and any other provision of law thereto enabling. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

**Section 3.** The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer shall sign the Refunding Bonds by either manual or facsimile signatures and the law firm designated as bond counsel is authorized to approve the legality of the Refunding Bonds.

**Section 4.** The First Selectman, the Town Treasurer, the Board of Finance or any Town official designated by the Board of Finance and the Finance Director, or any three of them, are authorized to determine which of the Prior Bonds are to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates and interest mode, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the Refunding Bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the Refunding Bonds and escrow agent with respect to the refunding escrow or escrows to be funded with proceeds of the Refunding Bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the Refunding Bonds; to sell the Refunding Bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the Refunding Bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the Refunding Bonds.

**Section 5.** The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer are authorized to call irrevocably for redemption such of the maturities of the Prior Bonds, as they shall determine to refund from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds and other moneys as they may determine to make available for this purpose and to defease such Prior Bonds by executing and delivering an escrow agreement in such form and upon such terms as they shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by their execution thereof.

**Section 6.** The First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Director, or any two of them, are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Refunding Bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

**Section 7.** The First Selectman, the Town Treasurer and the Finance Director, or any one of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the Refunding Bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as she or he deems advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such Refunding Bonds.

**Section 8.** The First Selectman and the Town Treasurer are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the Prior Bonds and to issue Refunding Bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with underwriters, trustees, escrow agents and others to facilitate the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon and the payment of the Prior Bonds in whole or in part.

**Section 9.** Any authorized but unissued portions of previous refunding authorizations are rescinded.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Bruce Orr, District III, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the report of the Committee (attached).

An unidentified member of District II asked how long the refunding goes on and the response was that it does not go longer than 2025.

**\*\* ITEM 13-10 CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 80 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

### 13-11

#### CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON THE JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014 BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED THE SELECTMEN'S OPERATING BUDGET (13-11A):**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Finance of the Town of Darien approved the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 Budget at a meeting on April 9, 2013.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby adopts the following appropriations for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 budget;

- A. An appropriation in the General Fund to the Selectmen's Operating Budget of \$42,466,624;

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson read her report (attached).

Seth Morton, District III, said he did not hear anything about the possibility to borrow money for the Board of Education facility. Liz Mao, Chairman of the Board of Finance, said, for fiscal year 2014, there is no money in the budget for any Board of Education facilities. There is a lot of work to do before they vet any project. However, there is rapid pay-down coming.

Holly Schultz-Amatruda, District III, asked how the Public Works budget contained no funds for sidewalks. This budget is not addressing serious public safety concerns. First Selectman Jayme Stevenson said there was no money set aside for new sidewalks. There has been significant debate and they have almost finished the criteria for new sidewalks. There are several new sidewalk requests that they will be fully vetting over the coming year. The money for new sidewalk construction was cut from the Selectmen's budget. The budget process is a balance of needs and wants.

Cheryl Russell, District V, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, read the committee report (attached).

**\*\* ITEM 13-11A CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 76 IN FAVOR, 3 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

**\*\* DENNIS MARONEY, DISTRICT III, MOVED THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET (13-11B):**

B. An appropriation in the General Fund to the Education Operating Budget of \$83,224,929;

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Bruce Orr, District III, Chairman of the Finance & Budget Committee, read the committee report (attached).

Elizabeth Haggerty-Ross, Chairman of the Board of Education, read a prepared speech (attached).

**\*\* ITEM 13-11B CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 74 IN FAVOR, 3 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS.**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, MOVED 13-11C:**

C. That the above appropriations, totaling \$125,691,553 are for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Town of Darien for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 as shown by the budget this day approved.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

**\*\* ITEM 13-11C CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED ITEM 13-11D:**

D. Appropriations for other funds are hereby made below for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as shown by the budget this day approved;

- a. From Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures \$2,343,740
- b. From the Sewer Operating Fund \$ 3,242,351
- c. From the Sewer Assessment Fund \$ 550,000
- d. From the Sewer Capital Fund \$ 291,000
- e. From the Parking Lot Administration Fund \$ 769,000
- f. From the Parking Lot Capital Fund \$ 229,718

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

Spencer McIlmurray, District II, asked how what they have learned from the many storms has impacted the budgets. First Selectman Stevenson said there is tremendous value from the Energy Management Director. They were very lucky that their facilities did not take a bigger hit. They are looking at expanding generator capability. Regarding radio communication and communication systems, there is a great deal of funding for updating and maintaining these at fire and police stations.

**\*\* ITEM 13-11D CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 78 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

**ESTABLISH MILL RATE AT 13.17**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

E. That a tax of 13.17 mills is hereby levied upon the last complete grand list of the Town with a total net assessment of \$ 8,891,650,290 on property as of October 1, 2012, payable in two equal semi-annual installments, the first installment to become due and payable on July 1, 2013 and the second installment to become due and payable on January 1, 2014, provided however that:

- 1. Any taxpayer may pay both of said installments on July 1, 2013;
- 2. The personal property tax on motor vehicles in said Town shall become due and payable in one single installment on July 1, 2013;
- 3. Any property tax in any amount not in excess of one hundred (\$ 100.00) shall become due and payable in one single installment on July 1, 2013;

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

**\*\* ITEM 13-11E CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 76 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION.**

**AUTHORIZE BORROWING UP TO \$5,000,000**

**\*\* BRUCE ORR, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE, MOVED:**

F. That the Town of Darien, acting through its Board of Selectmen, and subject to the approval of said Town at the Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to be held May 13, 2013, be authorized to borrow on the note or notes of the Town the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the general expenses of the Town pending the collection of either or both of said semi-annual installments of taxes on or prior to June 30, 2014.

**\*\* THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

**\*\* ITEM 13-11F CARRIED ON A RISING TALLY VOTE OF 79 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

**\*\* UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN BY VOICE VOTE AT 10:45 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco Blois  
Telesco Secretarial Services

APPENDIX

	<u>(13-7)</u>	<u>(13-8)</u>	<u>(13-9)</u>	<u>(13-10)</u>	<u>(13-11a)</u>	<u>(13-11b )</u>	<u>(13-11d)</u>	<u>(13-11e)</u>	<u>(13-11f)</u>
<b>DISTRICT I</b>									
Bungardner	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Conologue	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
DuPont	yes	yes	yes	?	abstain	abstain	abstain	abstain	yes
Glassmeyer	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Haas	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hall	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hayes	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hendersson	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Huck	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Kelly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
McNamara	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Schneider	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Tierney	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Valentino	absent	absent	absent	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
van der Kieft	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

	<u>(13-7)</u>	<u>(13-8)</u>	<u>(13-9)</u>	<u>(13-10)</u>	<u>(13-11a)</u>	<u>(13-11b )</u>	<u>(13-11d)</u>	<u>(13-11e)</u>	<u>(13-11f)</u>
<b>DISTRICT II</b>									
Bacon	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Ebrahimi	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Finn	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Hoffman	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Howe	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Keith	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Marston	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Matton	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
McInmurray	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
McNally	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Miller	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mundt	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Seelye	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Synott	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Thorne, B.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Thorne, M	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

**DID NOT VOTE**





**Finance & Budget Committee  
Report to RTM, May 13, 2013**

**(13-7) RTM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT  
OF \$16,635.00 TOWARDS SOFTWARE UPGRADES AND  
SOFTWARE TRAINING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
FROM THE DARIEN FIREMAN'S FOUNDATION**

I am Bruce Orr, District 3 and Chair of Finance and Budget.

I move Resolution (13-7) and ask for a second.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

The F&B committee met on May 6, 2013 for a Regular Meeting with 13 of 15 members present, comprising a quorum. At the meeting we were joined by a number of Town officials, including Karl Kilduff, the Town Administrator.

This gift of software and iPads, allows for improved coordination between the three volunteer fire departments and the Fire Marshall's office. It is an upgrade to the existing "Firehouse" software, which has been used by the Fire Marshal's office since 1997 and eliminates data entry duplication and streamlines the process and allows the Fire Marshal to ensure better coordination between the departments.

The gift is provided by the Darien Firefighters' Foundation, which was formed in 2007 as a civilian run organization committed to raising funds on behalf of Darien's three 100% volunteer fire companies. The Foundation raise funds to support the overall first responder capability in the town of Darien, Connecticut and its mutual aid jurisdictions.

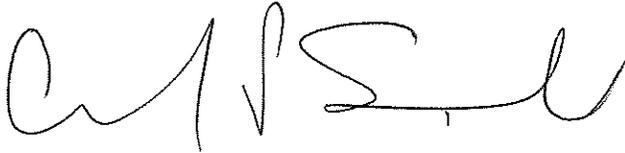
Seeing no direct or long term impact to the Town's finances as a result of this gift, the Committee voted unanimously to accept this gift. The Committee thanks the Darien Firefighters Foundation for this gift and recommends that the RTM vote for this gift.

Bruce G. Orr, Sr.  
Chairman, May 13, 2013

RTM Report on May 13, 2013 on Resolution (13-7)

I am Carolyn Schoonmaker, District 4, Chairman of Public Health & Safety.

The Public Health & Safety Committee met tonight with 6 of 11 members present  
to discuss and vote on Resolution (13-7). The Committee voted ~~unanimously~~ <sup>w/ed 9 in a sense of the meeting,</sup>  
<sup>unanimously</sup> to accept the very generous gift of \$16,635 toward software upgrades and software  
training for the Office of the Fire Marshal. We are thankful that the Darien Fireman's  
Foundation raises funds for worthy projects and services to help the Town of Darien.



**Finance & Budget Committee  
Report to RTM, May 13, 2013**

**(13-8) RTM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION AND  
BONDING FOR THE INTERVALE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

I am Bruce Orr, District 3 and Chair of Finance and Budget.

I move Resolution (13-8) and ask for a second.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

The F&B committee met on May 6, 2013 for a Regular Meeting with 13 of 15 members present, comprising a quorum. At the meeting we were joined by a number of Town officials, including members of the BOF, to discuss this Resolution and other matters.

This project is a drainage project that has long been identified as a priority flood mitigation target within the Town. Persistent flooding in this neighborhood has been an issue and the Public Works Department has requested that this project be a priority.

This Resolution is not only an appropriation of funds but also an authorization to seek funding through the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Town. Given the project priority and the prevailing low interest rates, both the BOS and the BOF have approved this authorization.

The Committee voted 10 in favor, 3 against, with the motion passing. Those opposed to the authorization felt that they needed more information and a general update on the broader Town flood mitigation projects. The Committee has requested a review of the flood mitigation projects currently in the queue for possible action.

The Committee recommends that the RTM vote in favor of this Resolution.

Bruce G. Orr, Sr.  
Chairman, May 13, 2013

## **COMMENTS TO REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING**

### **TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

#### **MARK ADILETTA – CHAIR - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Meeting, Monday May 13, 1013

At its Regular Meeting May 6<sup>th</sup> the PWC revisited and discussed the Intervale Road Drainage Project. The purpose of this project is to increase capacity and improve flow of the existing undersized system. The Abbey Road Drainage Improvements Technical Plan dated August 6, 2012 was reviewed. The plan details the scope of the project and system upgrades which include Devon Road, Intervale Road, Abbey Road, Holmes Avenue, Rose Lane serving dozens of home as well as upgrades to the discharge point at the Noroton River.

During the discussion committee members cited many points related to this project. These include:

- It is a well-designed project
- It is supported and cited in the Noroton River Watershed Study
- The engineering and design has already been completed and paid for
- The project has been under consideration for years
- Though it will cost \$1.5MM by flooding infrastructure standards it is a relative small project
- The projects will solve a recurring problem for a number of home owners directly
- The project will greatly increase the capacity of the drainage systems on several streets and benefit the greater neighborhood.
- It is a finite project not dependent on other projects or conditions
- This project will not create any downstream adverse consequences on the Noroton River.

With 8 of 14 members present the PWC voted unanimously to express support for this project.

Thank you

**Finance & Budget Committee  
Report to RTM, May 13, 2013**

**(13-9) RTM RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION AND  
BONDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEED BEACH TENNIS COURTS**

I am Bruce Orr, District 3 and Chair of Finance and Budget.

I move Resolution (13-8) and ask for a second.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

The F&B committee met on May 6, 2013 for a Regular Meeting with 13 of 15 members present, comprising a quorum. At the meeting we were joined by a number of Town officials, including members of the BOF, to discuss this Resolution and other matters.

The genesis of the appropriation of \$460k was a follow-on to Super Storm Sandy damages; the front three tennis courts had significant damage and during the review of repairs, it was determined that upgrading the courts to a more durable concrete base material over an asphalt base would be a better more cost effective solution. The repairs to the Sandy damaged courts will be off-set by a combination of insurance and FEMA payments.

Parks & Rec and Public Works have further concluded that the back three, undamaged courts should also be redone at the same time with upgraded base materials, providing for lower long-term maintenance and resurfacing expenses. This appropriation and associated bonding is to cover the cost of rebuilding the of the rear three courts

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this appropriation.

The Committee recommends that the RTM vote in favor of this Resolution.

Bruce G. Orr, Sr.  
Chairman, May 13, 2013

**Finance & Budget Committee  
Report to RTM, May 13, 2013**

**(13-10) RTM RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$60 MILLION TO REFUND  
CERTAIN OF THE TOWN'S OUTSTANDING BONDS**

I am Bruce Orr, District 3 and Chair of Finance and Budget.

I move Resolution (13-10) and ask for a second.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

The F&B committee met on April 22, 2013, with 12 of 15 members present comprising a quorum. The Committee also met on May 6, 2013 with 13 of 15 members present to discuss this item and other budget related topics.

This resolution simply provides the BOF the ability to refinance certain existing bond obligations to take advantage of special circumstances, namely lower interest rates or shortened (or lengthened) maturities of our issued debt, without having to come before the RTM, up to \$60 million in value. As outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution, the action to refund or call any bonds can only be done if it "achieves present value debt service savings for the Town". The RTM has previously approved resolutions of this nature and the BOF has acted this past few years of in a low interest rate environment, saving the Town substantial interest charges.

The genesis of this annual resolution was that several years ago there was an opportunity to refinance some debt and by the time a Special RTM meeting was convened, the window for favorable refinancing had closed.

The Town currently has approximately \$100 million of outstanding bonded debt. This resolution does not impact the requirement for the RTM to approve any new issuances of debt.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this Resolution.

We recommend to the RTM to vote in favor of this Resolution.

Bruce G. Orr, Sr.  
Chairman  
May 13, 2013

**Finance & Budget Committee  
Report to RTM, May 13, 2013**

**(13-11) RTM RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET  
FOR THE FISCAL COMMENCING JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014**

I am Bruce Orr, District 5 and Chair of Finance and Budget.

I move Resolution (13-11) and ask for a second.

If there are no objections, I propose to waive the reading of the Resolution.

The F&B committee again had a very active budget season. Our Sub Committee Chairs, Jim Palen and Terry Duffy for BOS and Jack Davis for the BOE and members of their Committees, attended nearly every Town and District departmental budget meeting. Members of the F&B Committee also attended key BOF meetings, including joint meetings with department heads, the BOF and provided active input during the Budget due diligence process. At these meetings we listened to administrative and departmental proposed budgets, debated and challenged many budget requests and documented our recommendations. These meetings were in addition to our scheduled regular meetings and special meetings called over the past four months. The Committee met in Regular meetings on April 22, 2013, with 12 of 15 members and on May 6, 2016 with 13 of 15 members present to discuss and debate many elements BOF recommended Budget. At both these Regular meetings, we were joined by members of the Board of Finance, Town Administration, Board of Education and other engaged parties, including the general public.

Before getting into the details of the recommended Budget, our Committee would like to thank and applaud the efforts of the BOF. They have worked both creatively and diligently on behalf of the taxpayers. Their bias has been to maintain a fiscally conservative policy while sustaining the high quality of Town delivered services... including education. The last couple of budget seasons have been particularly stressful and the continuous efforts of the BOF have allowed the Town to maintain a triple A credit rating, which in turn, have driven our borrowing and related costs down to extremely favorable levels. These well thought through actions by the BOF not only save us money in the short term but also allow us to accelerate the payment of our general obligation public debt.

In short, our long-term fiscal house is in order in a time when many municipalities across the country are struggling to make ends meet.

In total, the overall spending for the entire recommended 2013/2014 Town budget, including the Board of Education is \$125.7 million – an increase of \$4.6 million over last year or a 3.7% increase. This translates into a new mill rate of 13.17 or a 3.86% mill rate increase over last year. The BOF approved this budget on April 9, 2013. For reference, last year's total revised budget was \$121.1 million or a 4.6% increase over prior year. The mill rate was set at 12.68 or a 3.9% over the prior year.

Contained in the resolution before you are 6 discrete items, A – F; with items A the BOS budget, B the BOE budget and D Capital - being the primary expenditure drivers.

As with last year, I understand that the RTM will vote on these items separately. For the record, the F&B Committee has always taken action and voted these items separately and have always reported back to the RTM accordingly. As such, I will review each item, pause and return the floor to the Moderator for discussion and any Q&A.

Item A, is the appropriation for the "Selectman's Operating Budget" of \$42.4 million. This item primarily consists of four major spending items:

1. The first being the Town Services... public safety, human services, parks & recreation, public works, general government, human services and other costs of running the non-educational services of the Town. This is the budget that the Selectman and the Town Administrator have responsibility to manage and monitor. The total budget for next year is \$26.1 million or an increase of 4.8%. The primary drivers for this increase are:
  - a) A 25% increase in health care expenses, partially due to a poor claim experience for Town employees in the current fiscal year
  - b) Increased operating expense for the new and larger police building
  - c) Software upgrades and maintenance costs across the board
  - d) The addition of one part time maintenance staff at the Town Hall, and,
  - e) Contractual personnel increases
2. The second item is the Town's contribution to the Library operating account. As you know, the library is an independently owned institution and the Town pays for the general operating , non-capital expenses. The total budget for next year is \$3.4 million or a 4.7% increase over last year.

3. The third item is Debt Service. This is the annual cost to service the Town's long-term debt, which currently stands at about \$100 million and is comprised of primarily bonds associated with building our public schools, or 90% of the total debt. The budget for next year is \$10.8 million or an increase of 4.4%. This line item is effectively managed by the BOF. It should also be noted that with many of the large capital expenditures behind us, including Middlesex, The High School, Tokeneke, Weed Beach and the Police Station, the forecast shows that we the Town will paying down debt at a fairly rapid clip over the next ten years... effectively reducing our debt service in the coming years.
4. The last major line item is the so-called "Selectman's Operation Budget" is \$2.0 million for the "Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures" and it is included in the \$2.3 million line item below in Item D (a), which includes \$400k in BOE capital expenditures. These monies are for general capital purposes and are a transfer out this account as projects move forward. The total amount is about \$600k less than last year's capital expenditures. The multitude of capital projects can be found on pages 259 to 262 in your budget books

So if your re doing your math, the four items above add up to \$42,466,624, with only two items directly related to Town operations; the \$26.2 million for general Town services and the \$3.4 million for library operations.

*On May 6, 2012, the F&B Committee voted unanimously to approve this appropriation and we recommend that the RTM approve the Selectman's Operating Budget as referred by the BOF.*

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Item B – The Board of Education's budget of \$83.2 million for the '13/'14 operating budget. Thank you Mr. Maroney and the Education Committee for your very comprehensive report out and summary of next year's Budget. I won't get into all the details and try and not to repeat Mr. Maroney's remarks. In summary, the BOF approved BOE budget is an increase of 3.8% or approx. \$3.1 million over prior year's budget. For reference, last year's BOE increase was 5.0% increase or \$3.8 million.

While always subject to tremendous scrutiny by our Committee and other interested and engaged factions, this year was continued to be challenging in

light of several back-to-back relatively steep increases, increased awareness and spending on school security and a sharp increase in contracted teacher's pay looming in fiscal year '14/'15.

While there are many "puts and takes" on this budget – I'm sure you have heard about and will hear more tonight about the many aspects of this budget - the primary drivers of the BOE recommended budget increase of \$3.0 increase over last year can be put into 5 basic categories:

- \$1.3 million increase in insurance and retirement benefits
- \$313k in expected revenue reductions, primarily from anticipated State Excess Cost Reimbursements, summer school revenue and the elimination of student participation fees
- \$156k in salaries and excluding benefits, related to the addition of 6 security monitors
- \$220k in equipment purchases, specifically desks and chairs
- \$485k in stipulated salary and step increases for teachers

The committee noted that next year's budget, i.e., 2014/15 calls for teacher's salary increases to return to "full step" increases, meaning that assuming a constant mix of teacher's, this step change alone could add upwards of \$800k to the budget

*On May 6, 2013 the F&B Committee voted to approve the Education Operating budget with 12 in favor, 1 against and no abstentions.*

*We recommend that the RTM approve the BOF recommended Education budget.*

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The next Item that has spending and taxpayer implications is Item D, Other Appropriations. Of these six items, the only item that is not self-funding is the first item, Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring expenses. This appropriation of \$2.3 million is a fairly modest list of capital expenses for both the Town and the BOE. As mentioned earlier, details of the approved capital projects can be found beginning on page 259 of your budget books.

Therefore, the total capital expenditures for next fiscal year are about \$2.3 million – down from last year's \$2.7 million (please note that last year's non-recurring expenses included \$500k for a town wide revaluation) – are a fairly modest list of projects, including items for Parks & Rec, School related

improvements and vehicles, Police & Fire vehicles and Public works projects, such as the usual allocation for sidewalk repairs roadway maintenance.

*On May 7, 2012, the F&B Committee voted unanimously to approve this capital and non-recurring expense appropriation and recommends that the RTM approve.*

Item E sets the mill rate for the coming fiscal year. Assuming no changes to the above budget request, the mill rate will be 13.17, as the Grand list has been established by the Tax Assessor at \$8.9 billion, which is marginally higher than last year's at \$8.8 billion.

Item F is a routine item for the annual budget Resolution; although it has not happened in recent history, in the event the tax collections either fall short or there is a timing difference between collections and expenditures, this authorizes the Town to make short term borrowings without the need of RTM approval.

The Committee met on May 13, 2013 with 12<sup>of 15</sup> members present, comprising a quorum and unanimously approved Item F.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce G. Orr, Sr.  
Chairman  
May 13, 2013

*First Selectmen's Comments*  
*5/13/13*

**Good Evening Madam Moderator, RTM members and in particular, everyone at home listening to tonight's budget discussion.**

**I'd like to again, thank members of the Board of Finance for supporting some process and budget document changes that helped this year's budget discussions be more productive and transparent. I'm also grateful to the members of the RTM, including our new moderator, who became engaged in the budget process during Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance deliberations to help glean a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of the budget and to understand in detail the funding decisions that have been made to date. I'm hopeful that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and RTM can continue to work together to streamline the budget process even more in the coming years.**

**Again this year, the Budget Perseverance Award goes to Louise Berry and Alan Gray from the Darien Library – your unwavering presence at all of our budget meetings is not only a testament to your dedication to the successful operation of the library but shows a respect for the process that is exemplary.**

**Since January, we've spoken at length about the details of the budget so I will be brief. Tonight, I ask for your support of the Board of Selectmen's 2013-2014 fiscal year budget request of \$42,466,624. (\$40.9 last year – 5.99% increase) This budget request includes \$10.8 million in debt service for town approved projects and \$3.4 million in a grant to the Darien Public Library. It's important to note that over \$2.2 million in spending requests were cut across all town departments yet we were able to preserve core services.**

**The most significant drivers of this year's operating budget increase are the dramatic increases in the cost of healthcare (\$2.2-\$2.7) and other insurance (\$100k), the full realization of operating cost increases**

for the police building (\$100) and Weed Beach facilities, and the anticipated increase to debt service. (\$450k)

This year's capital budget includes only the necessary funding for the important Intervale drainage improvement project, invests in sidewalk maintenance, keeps our first responder communication systems up to date and adds to our reserves for equipment replacement in our Public Works, Parks and Recreation Departments and at our 3 volunteer fire departments. (\$570k).

There are no new service initiatives in this requested budget. In many cases, we've simply deferred expenditures until future budgets as the need for road and parking lot repairs, software upgrades and recreation facilities maintenance grows.

While we can't and shouldn't count on revenue growth to offset our obligation to be prudent in our spending, revenue projections are favorable and suggest that our economy may be showing signs of life again. (\$2.4-\$2.8million).

One final note...the Board of Selectmen's budget net of the Public Library Grant represents 30% of the total town budget. Contractual obligations and public demand for quality services and at an affordable price requires that we continue to do more with less. My board is committed to exploring new opportunities to make our government more efficient while continuing to provide a level of service and investment that protects our property values and helps us maintain a good quality of life.

On behalf of my board and all our hard working town employees, thank you for your consideration and support of the 2013-14 Board of Selectmen's budget as presented to you this evening.

May 13, 2013

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING  
WARNING 13-11  
2013-2014 TOWN BUDGETS

Good evening, I am Cheryl Russell, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Committee.

The Park and Recreation Committee met on May 6, 2013 with eight of 12 members present to discuss and voted on the Park and Recreation section of the 2013-2014 budget. We voted unanimously for this budget; however, we had some concerns regarding the cuts made to the Operating and Capital Budgets.

We first discussed the removal of \$22,824.00 from the Operating Budget. This cut will directly affect the public, as services will be reduced. We believe services to the public must be maintained to the highest standards.

The Capital Budget is reduced by \$437,750.00. Most of this money was for the repair of three tennis courts at Weed Beach. The Board of Finance decided to bond money for the repair and reconstruction of all six courts rather than three at Weed Beach, they were all in need of repair due to the age (40 years old) and storms we have had. Other cuts to the Capital budget were the fence and re-grading at Holohan field, repairs to the gazebo at Cherry Lawn, backstop at Town Hall field, the dog area at Cherry Lawn and once again the sand at both beaches. These cuts will most likely return in next year's budget. The Committee felt new sand at Pear Tree Beach is much needed. There is a tremendous amount of rocks on that beach due to the storms in the last year. The dog situation has not changed people still bring their dogs into the beach area. Dogs are not <sup>permitted</sup> ~~allowed~~ in any area of our beaches all year long. Let us not forget the public pay for park permits and they deserve to have nice clean beaches.

On a more positive note, items that were not cut from the Capital Budget are, software for the paddle court and repairs to those courts, sewer pump replacements and equipments reserve, this is for a beach rake, maybe <sup>this rake</sup> ~~that~~ will help with the rocks, for a total of \$119,525.00.

We urge the powers to be to reconsider the Park and Recreation Commission 5 year plan, that way we can look into the future and budget for our needs appropriately for years to come.

RTM Education Committee

Report to RTM – 13 May 2013

2013-2014 Education Budget

Good evening, I am Dennis Maroney of District 3 and I chair the RTM Education Committee.

I would like to thank the Education committee for following the budget process which begins in the fall when the Board and Administration begin discussing the objectives and needs for the following year. The Superintendent then submits his proposed budget to the Board of Education in early January. This years proposed budget was \$83,239,646 an increase of 4.07% over 2012-2013. The main components driving this increase were salaries and benefits of contracts approved by this body over the past 3 years. Also adding to the increase was a decrease in revenues from summer school and increases in technology and equipment needs.

The Board of Education then vetted and questioned each item in the proposed budget in public meetings during January. The result was a total of \$83,224,929 which includes the increases of security again approved by this body in March of 2013 for an overall increase of 4.05% over last year.

This budget was tightly constructed and well vetted by the Board of Education, Board of Finance , RTM Finance and Budget committee and the RTM Education committee. This budget was a fairly smooth process in what many had thought we be a difficult year. However, the next few years may not be so easy.

*Facilities are*  
-Enrollment is rising and the ~~infrastructure~~ is bursting. Additions to existing schools are being discussed and the Education committee urges all RTM members and the community at large to follow the meeting either in person or on Channel 79. This is due in most part in keeping with the class size policy which is the major request from the Board, Educators and Parents.

Teachers' contract had half steps in the first two years of the agreement, but in the third year , beginning July 2014, the Town will feel the impact of the bargained full step.

-Special Education has been discussed in detail both in meetings and in the newspapers in town and I it is not prudent to further discuss until the pending matter is resolved.

Capital requests for the oil tanks and security were approved by this body in March. Going forward , capital requests should remain fairly stable with the exception of enrollment. The tour of facilities held every April is highly recommended for all RTM members to see the state of schools and how well the Staff manages the buildings.

The committee would also like to publicly offer congratulations to the administration and Board for being ranked number one in CT in the US News and World Report ranking of HS's in the Country. Realizing that providing a quality education is paramount; being recognized for doing so is an

| outstanding achievement. One that will benefit every resident in increased home value and, although, not a realtor I would assume more traffic to move into Darien. See enrollment issues!

On April 29, 2013 at a regularly scheduled meeting, and taped by channel 79, with 12 of 16 members present along with most of the Board and administration and a few honored guests the committee voted unanimously to approve the budget and recommends that you do the same.

Thank you for your attention.

Dennis Maroney

2013-2014 BOE Recommended Budget  
RTM Meeting May 13, 2013

Good Evening, Madame Moderator, members of the RTM, elected officials and the town of Darien. On behalf of my colleagues on the Darien Board of Education and our Administration, it is my pleasure to submit for your approval the Darien Board of Education 2013-2014 Recommended Budget of \$83,224,929 or an increase of 4.05%. Our recommended capital budget is \$426,700. The capital projects include an additional electrical hook-up for the 35 Leroy generator, a generator at Hindley School, resurfacing the blacktop at Royle School, replacement carpets at 4 elementary schools, the reconfiguration of high school gym lockers, the removal of poison ivy at the high school, and a new pickup truck and trailer.

The majority of the 4.05% increase is comprised of an increase in medical insurance, the re-instatement of a Furniture (desks and chairs) replacement program and security enhancements.

The medical insurance increase is 1.2 million dollars or a 13% increase. The original increase quoted was over 25%, but our Administration immediately re-bid our medical plans and worked with our unions to change carriers again. With this change, we have lowered the increase by 12%.

In March, we came before the RTM and received approval for funding additional security measures and 6 campus monitors at our Middle School and Elementary schools. The enhancements to our physical plants are well underway. We have begun

the interview process for our campus monitors. After analyzing the cost of using an outside security firm or hiring additional FTE's in the district, the cost difference came down to benefits. In our minds, it also came down to having a consistent person in each of our schools, making connections with our parents and the young children that we educate. We believe that the benefit of using campus monitors that report to the district, and who become part of each school community was the priority. We are hoping to have the monitors in the schools before the end of this school year. It is also our plan to return any of the unused funds to the town at the end of the fiscal year.

Finally, as the economy took a slight turn upward housing sales and rentals in Darien have climbed and our enrollment is again on the rise. We are currently working on education specifications for 2 school expansion plans that you will be hearing about over the next few months. We are currently investigating expansions at both Tokeneke and Royle elementary schools.

This budget balances the educational excellence that is expected by our community and our fiscal responsibility to the Town of Darien.

We would like to thank the members of the Board of Finance, the RTM-Education, Finance & Budget Committees and our parent community who challenge us every year to look carefully at the management of the school district's financial resources. We listen to your recommendations and answer your challenges. We appreciate the time and your participation in the budget process. You have spent countless hours with us in our many meetings, listening to presentations, preparing for and participating in the

discussions that helped set this year's Board of Education budget. With the community of Darien and the RTM's longstanding support of education, together, we have built a great asset for the town of Darien. The core of our school system is our students. They represent the future of our community and our world. We request that you continue to support this investment in the future of our community by supporting the Darien Board of Education 2013- 2014 Recommended Budget.

Thank you.

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