

**DRAFT**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE RTM FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, June 3, 2019**

**PLACE:  
DARIEN TOWN HALL  
ROOM 119, 7:30 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:** Jack Davis, Chair, at 8:33 p.m. (NOTE: this meeting was preceded by a Special Meeting of the Committee at 7:00 in Room 206 to attend the Board of Selectmen Meeting to hear and ask questions on the Ox Ridge Building Committee presentation. Also, with regard to the Darien Athletic Foundation gift noted below, this meeting was held jointly with the RTM Park and Recreation Committee.) All members noted below were present at the Special Meeting with the exception of James Howe and Peter Orphanos who watched the meeting on an ipad in Room 119. The Special Meeting was never called to order nor were there any votes. The F&B committee heard the BOS discussion and saw the Ox Ridge Building Committee presentation to the BOS. Questions were asked by both the RTM Education committee and the RTM F&B committee members during the BOS meeting.

**Committee Members Attendance at Regular Meeting:**

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
Present	X	X	X	X	X			X
Absent						X	X	

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
Present	X			X	X	X	
Absent		X	X				X

10 Present and 5 Absent. Needed for Quorum: 8. Quorum attained.

**2. Other Attendees (Audience) Present Included:** BOE, Jill McCammon, Christa McNamara, Duke Dineen (BOE Vice Chair and Ox Ridge Building Committee Co. Chair); Darien Athletic Foundation, Jen Montanaro; RTM Park & Rec. Committee, Sandra Savage, Cheryl Russell, Patti Bumgardner, Adele Conniff (Chair), Sue-Ellen Mitchell, Mark Adiletta; Monica McNally, RTM Public Works Committee (Chair) and Frank Kemp, RTM TGS&A Committee, (Chair) .

**3. Chairperson’s Report:** Jack Davis summarized his discussions with the Ox Ridge Building Committee Chair and reviewed his best sense as to potential costs of construction and demolition which ranges from \$62 to \$64mm. State mandated class room size is probably the biggest driver of the estimate

**4. MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION IN FAVOR OF RTM RESOLUTION 19-12 APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 AND BONDING SAID APPROPRIATION FOR NEW OX RIDGE SCHOOL BY ADDING \$60mm FOR A NEW TOTAL APPROPRIATION AND BONDING OF \$63mm.**

**AFTER ENSUING DISCUSSION THE MOTION WAS SO MOVED AND VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Tie**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Ms. Carter**

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES	X	X	X	X	X			X
NO								
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES	X			X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

**Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (10-0-0)**

**5. PRESENTATION BY JEN MONTENARO OF THE DARIEN ATHLETIC FOUNDATION CONCERNING A GIFT FROM THE DARIEN ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF UP TO \$300,000 FOR CONSTRUCTING A CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING PATH TRACK OVER DHS AND THE DILLER PROPERTIES.**

Presentation and discussion highlights included the following: i) the path will be largely hand built; ii) subject to Town and/or BOE determination, the Diller property portion of the

path will be closed to the public for one meet annually and as to the DHS portion of the path, the public will be able to access the path when school is not in session; iii) Mark Adiletta advised as to the need for drainage culverts; iv) care, custody and control will rest with the Town and the BOE; v) annual maintenance cost is estimated at about \$5k and vi) Sandra Savage noted that about 20% of the path will be on the Diller property.

**6. MOTION IN FAVOR OF RTM RESOLUTION 19-16 REGARDING A GIFT FROM THE DARIEN ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF UP TO \$300,000 FOR CONSTRUCTING A CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING PATH TRACK OVER DHS AND THE DILLER PROPERTIES.**

Jack Davis explained that the BOE's acceptance of this gift is predicated on approval by all stakeholder Town Boards and Committees. To this end, subsequent to the presentation and discussion (and, prior to F&B's vote on this Motion) the RTM Park & Rec. Committee, as the primary RTM committee, had voted, with one abstention, in favor of this Motion.

**ACCORDINGLY, THE MOTION WAS SO MOVED BY THE RTM F&B COMMITTEE AND VOTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Orphanos**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Tie**

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES	X	X	X	X	X			X
NO								
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES	X			X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

**Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (10-0-0)**

**7. DISCUSSION OF RTM RESOLUTION 19-17 APPROVING AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PLASTIC AND PAPER CHECKOUT BAGS**

Jack Davis summarized his discussions with Kate Buch and explained his understanding as to why the Ordinance should be cost neutral for the Town. Monica McNally, RTM Public

Works Committee, Chair provided background and explained the provisions of the proposed ordinance. The status of State legislative developments was also reviewed. Jack Davis asked the committee if the committee wanted to vote on either the bag ordinance or that costs to the Town were minimal. The consensus was to vote on neither regarding the bag ordinance.

**8. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY April 29, 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Tie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Taylor**

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES	X	X	X	X	X			X
NO								
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES	X			X	X	X	
NO							
ABSTAIN							

**Result: Motion Passed (Unanimously (10-0-0))**

**9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Tie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Taylor**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Michael Heitz, Clerk**  
**Date: 06.03.2019**