

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE RTM FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Monday, March 9, 2020

Place: Darien Town Hall, Room 119 at 7:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order: Jack Davis Chair, at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Members Attendance:

	Mark Adiletta	Barry Baldwin	Martha Banks	Luisa Brakman	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Elizabeth Lane	Robert Lyons
Present			X	X	X	X		X	X
Absent	X	X					X		

	Iris Mix	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Jennifer Schwartz	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
Present	X			X	X	X		
Absent		X	X				X	X

10 Present and 7 Absent. Needed for Quorum: 9. Quorum attained.

2. Other Attendees Present included: NONE

3. Chairperson's Report: Jack Davis provided an overview of the Committee's "buddy system" budget review in collaboration with the BOF. Remaining assignments discussed included: i) General Govt. - Martha/Iris with Paul/Frank; ii) Grants & Revenues - Jack/Bob with JZ and Frank; iii) General & Misc. - Mike/Bill with Taylor/Jim; iv) Human Services - Louisa with Taylor/Jim; v) Treasurer Dept. - Jack with Frank.

4. Discussion of the following budget review matters:

Stacey provided an overview of the buddy system budget review process and the BOF's lead with respect to its review. Jack went over the scope of the review noting: the Committee's upcoming project to review the BOF's asset and capital accounts as well as 5-6 contingency accounts all with a view to identifying any tax savings opportunities this year. Similarly, the Police and Fire Departments' contingency accounts as well as the RFCNRE account will be reviewed.

General and Specific matters discussed included: i) the Weed beach \$30K equipment purchase, ii) Fire Department administration, iii) impact of Police additional civilian

dispatchers on the Chief's forthcoming deployment study detailing his priorities on fulfilling two anticipated SRO and narcotics officers and filling vacancies as a consequence of retirements, iv) vehicle replacement policies and repair log requests.

Stacey summarized her previous week's testimony, as well as that of others, the previous week during Hartford hearings at the state capitol concerning Deputy Majority Leader, Rep. Jeff Currey's proposed bill to establish an appointed board to administer a statewide co-op to collect and apportion Special Education funds.

5. Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020:

Moved Ms. Lane

2ND Ms. Tie

	Mark Adiletta	Barry Baldwin	Martha Banks	Luisa Brakman	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Elizabeth Lane	Robert Lyons
YES			X	X	X	X		X	X
NO									
ABSTAIN									

	Iris Mix	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Jennifer Schwartz	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES	X			X	X	X		
NO								
ABSTAIN								

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

8. Motion to Adjourn:

Moved Ms. Lane

2ND Ms. Tie

Result: Motion Passed (10-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Heitz, Clerk

Date: 03.09.2020