

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE RTM FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
(Joint meetings with RTM Public Works and Public Health & Safety Committees)**

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Place: Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT – Room 206 and Mather Center Meeting Room @ 7:30 pm

1. Call to Order: @ 7:31 pm

F&B Committee Members Attendance:

	Nicholas Branca	Luisa Brakman	Jack Davis	Bill Dunn	Millyn Gaaserud	Holly Huang	Beth Lane
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent							

	Peter Mihopoulos	Peter Orphanos	Jenny Schwartz	Bill Smith	Charles Teschner	Bert von Stuelpnagl
Present	X	X				X
Absent			X	X	X	

10 Present. 3 Absent. Needed for Quorum: 7. Quorum attained.

2. Other Attendees Present:

RTM Public Works Committee Members; RTM Public Health & Safety Committee Members

The meeting may be viewed here:

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3. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO “AMEND THE APPROPRIATION AND BONDING AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT BY \$2,357,300 TO \$4,697,300 FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT

The background and history of the sanitary sewer system project was discussed. On October 19, 2020, the Representative Town Meeting in Darien approved an appropriation and bond authorization in the amount of \$2,340,000 (the “Resolution”) for the costs of the Sanitary Sewer System Project (the “Initial Authorization”); Now the Town wants to increase the Initial Authorization by \$2,357,300 to \$4,697,300 due to costs associated with the next phase of the project. In the meeting, the rationale to increase the Initial Authorization by \$2,357,300, for a total appropriation and bond authorization in the amount of \$4,697,300 was discussed and the timeline to finish the project is provided.

After no questions from committee members, Mr. Davis called for a motion to approve.

Moved: Millyn Gaaserud
2nd: Bill Dunn

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

4. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO “AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION AND BONDING AUTHORIZATION IN THE AMOUNT BY \$2,357,300 FOR THE HANSON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The background of the Hanson Road Bridge replacement has been provided. The bond will be used on the costs of construction related to the replacement of the Hanson Road Bridge located in Darien. The costs includes, but limited to, the demolition of the existing structure, the diverting of the Stony Brook, installation of new box culverts, repaving of the roadway, landscaping enhancements and guard rail, as well as, contingency, administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related.

After no questions from committee members, Mr. Davis called for a motion to approve.

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Moved: Luisa Brakman
2nd: Beth Lane

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

5. ADJOURN MEETING AND MOVE TO THE MATHER CENTER MEETING ROOM FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH RTM PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Moved: Millyn Gaaserud
2nd: Beth Lane

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

6. A JOINT MEETING WITH RTM PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE.

At 8:21 pm, Mr. Davis called the joint meeting to order.

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7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO “AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION AND BONDING AUTHORIZATION OF NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR THE NOROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,126,385

The status of the current fire engine and the urgency to purchase a new fire engine are discussed. The sum of \$1,126,385 is appropriated for the costs to purchase a fire engine for the Noroton Fire Department in Darien including all administrative, printing, legal and financing costs related.

After no questions from committee members, Mr. Davis called for a motion to approve.

Moved: Peter Orphanos
2nd: Bill Dunn

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

8. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO “GRANT THE TAX ASSESSOR AUTHORITY TO GIVE MORE TIME TO RECEIVE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION WITHOUT PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CGSA SEC 12-63C SUBMISSION OF INCOME AND EXPENSE INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO RENTAL INCOME PROPERTY.

The rational of why we need to give the TAX assessor authority the right to give more time to receive commercial information without penalty was discussed.

After no questions from committee members, Mr. Davis called for a motion to approve.

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Moved: Peter Orphanos
2nd: Bert von Stuelpnagl

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

9. DISCUSS AND PREPARE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS/INQUIRIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOE REGARDING THE SUPERINTENDENT’S BUDGET FOR 2024/2025 ON JANUARY 12TH.

The first impression of the BOE budget has been discussed and the agreement to discuss in more detail in the next meeting has been reached.

10. DISCUSS CALENDAR AND SUBSEQUENT JANUARY MEETING TO ADDRESS HHR BONDING RESOLUTIONS AND ADMIN UNION CONTRACT

The calendar and January meeting schedule has been roughly discussed.

11. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 6, 2023

Moved: Luisa Brakman
2nd: Bill Dunn

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved: Peter Orphanos
2nd: Beth Lane

The Motion was passed. (10:0:0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Huang and Jenny Schwartz
Clerk

Date: 1/11/2024

