



# REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 29, 2021

announced the Committee assignments. The Moderator then asked the various committees to convene via phone to elect the leadership for each committee.

Education & Recreation: Marcy Spolyar, Chair; Pete Tallman, VC; Margaret Horton, Secretary  
Finance: Sharon Pistilli, Chair, Joe Siebert, VC; John Kuhn, Secretary  
Legislation & Administration: Josh Garskof, Chair; Dru Georgiadis, VC, Tom Lambert, Secretary  
Public Health & Safety: Laura Karson, Chair; Hank Ference, VC, Jeff Galdenzi, Secretary  
Public Works & Planning: Jay Wolk, Chair, Frank Petise, VC, Lisa Havey, Secretary

**ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL:** ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOUR-MEMBER REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Liz Zezima moved this Item, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The Redistricting Committee was established by unanimous voice vote. The SLMC will meet to populate this Committee.

**ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL:** APPROVAL OF THE 2022 MEETING CALENDAR

Jay Wolk, District 5, moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Amendment: Pamela Iacono moved to cancel the July meeting, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion to amend the calendar was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jill Vergara asked if additional budget hearings could be scheduled if necessary, to which Moderator McDermott replied an additional meeting could be scheduled if needed.

**VOTE:** The 2022 RTM Meeting Calendar was approved unanimously as follows:

January 24	April 6, 7 and 25	August 22	November 28
February 28	May 2 & 23	September 19	December 19
March 28	June 27	October 24	

**ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL:** APPOINTMENT OF PIERRE RATZKI (D) TO THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT TRANSIT AUTHORITY TERM NOV. 2018-2022

Dru Georgiadis, District 9 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Pierre Ratzki gave an overview of his qualifications noting that he was a commuter who knows the importance of having a reliable transportation system. He had attended a GBTD meeting and said the group works very well together with no acrimony.

**VOTE:** Pierre Ratzki's appointment to the Greater Bridgeport Transit District was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL:** APPOINTMENT OF CARLOS R. OLIVIERI JR (R) TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE

Jill Vergara, District 7 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Chuck Olivieri gave an overview of his 50+ years of experience in construction, particularly in the public sector.

**VOTE:** Chuck Oliveri's appointment to the Special Projects Standing Building Committee was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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### **ITEM NO. 9. ON CALL:**

TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND APPROPRIATION ENTITLED, 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,729,800 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DUCK FARM ROAD BRIDGE, AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO REIMBURSE \$2,983,840 OF SUCH APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SUCH APPROPRIATION,' CONSISTING OF THREE PAGES, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

Hal Schwartz, District 2 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Bill Hurley explained the Town's portion of the construction phase is \$749,000. Duck Farm Road is a collector road; the bridge was originally constructed in 1959. The project will include 72 foot span and a sidewalk on the south side. The State DOT will go out to bid next month and construction will take place in 2022. The Town will receive reimbursement of 80% of the administration, construction and inspection costs. A detour plan will be utilized.

Pam Iacono asked if there is a plan to keep the neighborhood apprised. Mr. Hurley will ask the consultant to set up a website as well as using the electronic sign from the FPD regarding closures & detours.

Ed Bateson, District 1 asked if the southside sidewalk will be elevated. Mr. Hurley said it will be 6' wide and elevated 6".

Veronica Monahan, District 1 asked that the timetable be adhered to as the Mill Plain bridge replacement took a very long time. Mr. Hurley said it will be explained in the pre-construction meeting that it is a very busy area particularly with school bus traffic and they will expedite utility work. He noted that the Mill Plain Road bridge involved an intercontinental phone line and a gross particle separator.

Andy Graceffa, District 6 asked why there is no sidewalk on the north side and will there be stormflow implications. Mr. Hurley said there is open space on that side and access is necessary. Theoretically more water will pass because the girders are longer in height. There will be better flow because the middle pier that hangs up debris will be removed. Josh Garskof, District 5 asked if fish will be able to pass to which Mr. Hurley said the DEEP's concerns were addressed. Mr. Hurley noted there will be informational meetings on the following dates: 12/7 @ 7 regarding the Greens Farms Bridge; 12/14 @ 6:30 regarding Grasmere improvements and 12/15 @ 6:30 regarding Post Road Traffic Circle.

**VOTE:** The bond resolution in the amount of \$3,729,800 for Duck Farm Road Bridge was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC  
Town Clerk