1. Meeting Materials

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Board of Selectmen Meeting
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DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:14 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

   a. Attendance:
      I. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
      II. Selectman John Toner - Present
      III. Selectman Drew Marzullo - Present

The First Selectman greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to propose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes

   a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 5-26-2016 were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman’s Update

   a. Mr. Tesei noted there were several events throughout town celebrating Memorial Day.
   b. Mr. Tesei reported that he met with Francis Pickering and Dean Hannon of the Western Council of Governemens (WCOG) on May 31. There was discussion on how WCOG members can collaborate or partner in the sharing of some municipal services.
   c. On June 1, Mr. Tesei, attended the Greenwich League of Women Voters annual meeting, where the Mary Award was presented to outgoing League President Cyndy Anderson.
   d. On June 3, Mr. Tesei met with Kyle Silver, the executive director of the Arch Street Teen Center, to discuss various youth initiatives and the trends of opioid addiction of town youths.
   e. On June 4, Mr. Tesei volunteered with Safe Rides along with Youth Services Coordinator Jenny Byxbe, for the Greenwich High School senior prom. Mr. Tesei explained that Safe Rides is now operated by the Transportation Association of Greenwich (TAG) and has incurred a considerable increase in insurance costs because of the hours of operation: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturdays. To date, $15,000 of TAG’s $18,000 budget shortfall has been raised by donations made by the Dadakis Family Foundation, Ed and Lile Gibbons and Mr. Tesei’s reelection campaign.
   f. On June 6, Mr. Tesei met with Representative Town Meeting Appointments Committee members John Eddy and Stuart Reider to discuss the resynchronization of the end of term dates for all town boards and commissions that will disperse the work required of the Board of Selectmen and the RTM.
Discussions will be continuing on possible changes.

Mr. Tesei also summarized the recently completed budget process and that he already is in the planning stages for the next budget cycle. To that end he is working with the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) regarding health care costs. A consultant is helping to gather information to help contain costs. Health care cost containment also will involve negotiations with labor contracts.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. Discussion a request to appoint a committee to review a proposal to expand the Greenwich Board of Education from eight (8) to 10 members.

Mr. Tesei said the request is a follow-up to a presentation made by the Law Department in January 2015 on Charter Revision. He said he was fulfilling a request from residents and that it was worth considering to put forth an alternative to provide a greater degree of choice of candidates with the intent to hear from residents and to appoint a committee to consider the proposal.

Mr. Marzullo questioned whether a committee or commission would be appointed.

Board of Education member Peter Sherr said he supported the appointment of either a committee or commission to study whether there should be a change in the composition of the school board. He said that the 154 school districts in Connecticut have memberships ranging from 3 to 12 members, and most have an odd-numbered membership. Greenwich is the only district to have eight (8) members. Mr. Sherr also said that changing the system would provide voters with a choice at the ballot box. He further explained that both he and current School Board Chair Laura Erickson were both successful in their candidate petition drives after not being nominated by their respective parties last year.

Town Attorney John Wayne Fox said that the Board of Selectmen was not taking any action at today's meeting and a charter change would be required. He also explained that if a commission was appointed then any potential changes would have to be voted upon as a referendum and the town could lose its Home Rule. If a committee is appointed, any recommended changes would need approval of the Representative Town Meeting, however, the town would retain its Home Rule advantages.

School Board Chair Laura Erickson said that the current election process provides anyone who wants to be a candidate for the school board to run for office. She said that she prefers an even number of board members.

Mr. Tesei asked Town Administrator Ben Branyan to develop a timeline of how long the process would take once a committee or commission is appointed. He also asked Mr. Marzullo and Mr. Toner to consider who shall be appointed to either a committee or commission.
b. Mr. Toner made the motion to approve a nondiscrimination certification document from the state of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development for the Financial Assistance Proposal package for the Bruce Museum grant. Mr. Marzullo seconded the motion which was approved 3-0-0.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Tesei noted that Lloyd Hull has resigned as a member of the Historic District Commission.

7. Executive Session

Following a recess at 11:37 a.m., Mr. Marzullo motioned to enter into executive session at 11:55 A.M., seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Amad, Town Administrator Ben Branyan and Executive Assistant to the First Selectman Barbara Heins.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:33 A.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary
MEMORANDUM

TO: Barbara Heins, First Selectman’s Office
FROM: Melissa Evans, Traffic Operations Coordinator
DATE: June 17, 2016
RE: Establishment of 25 MPH Speed Limit
    Old Camp Lane

AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ESTABLISHMENT OF 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT

This proposal is to establish a 25 MPH speed limit for Old Camp Lane. The Engineering Division received a resident request for speed limits signs to be posted. A review of the street revealed that no approved speed limit exists. An investigation was completed and it was determined that a 25 MPH speed limit should be established for Old Camp Lane.

Attached please find the investigation report and map, for inclusion on the next Board of Selectmen meeting agenda.

Attachments

cc: J. W. Michel, Deputy Commissioner
    J. J. Slusarz, Police Department, Traffic Section (w/att)
TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
TOWN OF GREENWICH

Date: June 16, 2016

Location: Old Camp Lane

Correspondent: Susan Gould
16 Old Camp Lane

Concern: Ms. Gould contacted the Engineering Division to express her concerns with the speed of traffic on Old Camp Lane. She explained that she believes many people use the street as a cut-through between Cognewaugh Road and Cat Rock Road, especially during commuting times. She is concerned also since there is a school bus stop on Old Camp Lane at Carriage Road. Ms. Gould is requesting a speed limit be established for Old Camp Lane.

Observations: Old Camp Lane is a local roadway running east from Cat Rock Road to Cognewaugh Road, for a distance of .42 miles. There is currently no established speed limit.

There are no sidewalks on Old Camp Lane and no parking restrictions exist along the street.

Automated traffic counts were recorded for a period of four (4) days from April 28, 2016 to May 2, 2016 and the 85th percentile speed was found to be 34 MPH. During this time period there were a total of 1614 trips made along Old Camp Lane.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that a 25 MPH Speed Limit be established and posted for Old Camp Lane.

In addition, a work order has been submitted to the DPW – Highway Division to have a School Bus Stop warning sign installed on Old Camp Lane in advance of Carriage Road, to alert drivers to the school bus stop located there.

Investigated by: Melissa G. Evans, Traffic Operations Coordinator

Approved by: James W. Michel, PE, Deputy Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Frank W. Petise, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer

DATE: June 20, 2016

RE: Old Mill Road Culvert – Emergency Replacement
Town Project No. 16-26

AGENDA ITEM FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE – ROAD CLOSURE AND DETOUR

Attached for review by the Board of Selectmen is the proposed detour for the Old Mill Road Culvert Emergency Replacement. The existing drainage culvert is located approximately 900’ west of Round Hill Road. The culvert is made of stone masonry, approximately 3’ wide and 4’ high, 42’ long, with stone masonry headwalls on either end. The existing invert of the culvert is approximately 9.5’ below the roadway. There is a sinkhole that was patched last year on the edge of the westbound travel way and a new sinkhole has formed in the center of the westbound travel lane. DPW investigated the culvert and found an additional sinkhole on the upstream side between the guiderail and headwall. The headwalls and side walls of the culvert have several displaced stones. The culvert is beyond its usable service life and is in need of immediate replacement.

DPW is going to replace the existing culvert with a 48” R.C.P. at the existing elevation in order to match the existing culvert size and inverts. The pavement will be saw-cut, removed, and replaced. Prior to excavating and removing the existing culvert; haybales will be placed across the stream downstream of the southern headwall, sandbags will be placed upstream of the northern headwall and the stream will be pumped over the sandbags. The existing stone masonry culvert will be removed and a new 48” reinforced
concrete pipe will be set in the streambed at the existing culvert elevation. The stone masonry headwalls will also be rebuilt as part of the project. The work will be done in periods of low flow and will take approximately 4 weeks.

The length of the detour will be approximately 3 miles and will utilize Round Hill Road, Porchuck Road, and North Porchuck Road as shown on the attached “Detour Plan”.

The Engineering Division will notify nearby residents of the project commencement and activities through press releases and notifications, as well as on the “Road Closures” link on the Town of Greenwich website: http://www.greenwichct.org/PublicWorks/PublicWorks.asp

CC: Amy Siebert, Commissioner of Public Works  
James W. Michel, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works  
Joseph Roberto, Highway Superintendent  
Melissa Evans, Traffic Operations Coordinator  
Chief Jim Heavey, Greenwich Police Department  
Capt. Pamela Gustovich, Greenwich Police Department  
Sgt. John Slusarz, Greenwich Police Department  
Peter Siecienski, Greenwich Fire Department  
Robert Kick, Greenwich Fire Department  
Joe Soto, Greenwich Emergency Medical Service  
Janice Domiziano, Board of Education
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