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Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on June 26, 2019.
- 3. First Selectman's Updates – Peter J. Tesei**
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Municipal Improvement to approve the Redevelopment Agreement between the Town of Greenwich and Greenwich Plaza, Inc. pursuant to Section 99(a)(2) of the Town Charter – Town Administrator Ben Branyan.
 - b. Replacement of Oneida Drive Bridge over Smith Cove – Department of Public Works.
- 6. Appointments and Nominations**
- 7. Executive Session**
 - a. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and/or settlement of claims, and/or to interview candidates for boards and commissions.
- 8. Adjourn**

Peter J. Tesei
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Town of Greenwich

Meeting Board of Selectmen

July 11, 2019

10:00 A.M.

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 A.M.

a. Attendance:

- a. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present**
- b. Selectman John Toner - Present**
- c. Selectman Sandy Litvack – Present**

Mr. Tesei stated that this was a public meeting, not a public hearing, and that the Chair reserves the right to call upon residents to comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on June 26, 2019**

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner and a second by Mr. Litvack, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Tesei said that all three of the Selectmen attended the 15th Independence Day Association of Greenwich program here at Town Hall.

On July 9, Mr. Tesei and Darrell Harvey, co-president of the Ashforth Co., unveiled plans for a renovated Greenwich Plaza and rail stations on Railroad Avenue in a joint press conference held at the train station. He said that more details would be presented to the Board at the proposal is on today's agenda under New Business. Mr. Tesei thanked members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation and the state Legislative delegation who attended and voiced support of the proposal.

Mr. Tesei also highlighted upcoming events including the Alliance Francaise annual Bastille Day flag raising at 8:30 a.m. in front of Town Hall on July 14; the July 18 Founders' Day program with the Greenwich Historical Society and Greenwich Point Conservancy at Innis Arden Cottage, and at 2 p.m. today (July 11), the reopening of the Steamboat Road pier landing

which has undergone extensive renovation including the addition of ADA access.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

- a. Municipal Improvement to approve the Redevelopment Agreement between the Town of Greenwich and Greenwich Plaza, Inc. pursuant to Section 99(a)(2) of the Town Charter – Town Administrator Ben Branyan.
- b. Replacement of Oneida Drive Bridge over Smith Cove – Department of Public Works.

Because of the lengthy presentation planned for **Item 5a**, Mr. Tesei said he would entertain a motion to take **Item 5b** out of order.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the motion to take **Item 5b** out of order was approved unanimously.

DPW Engineer Sean Cardwell presented the plan to replace the bridge and the detours associated with the project that is expected to take about 14 months to complete. Deputy DPW Commissioner James Michel explained that the detours are being coordinated with those planned by Eversource for its new substation and transmission line project.

There also was discussion about how bridge conditions are rated; the number of bridges that may need replacement in Town and that inspections are conducted by independent consultants.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Municipal Improvement to approve the Redevelopment Agreement between the Town of Greenwich and Greenwich Plaza, Inc. pursuant to Section 99(a)(2) of the Town Charter – Town Administrator Ben Branyan.

Mr. Tesei said that by initiative, the Board of Estimate and Taxation was invited to review the project. He explained that typically, a Municipal Improvement project is presented at one meeting and voted upon at the next.

Mr. Branyan gave the presentation of the proposed Redevelopment Agreement. The presentation included detailed information on how the privately-owned rail station would be redeveloped and improved; the public

benefit from the project; the financial impact for the Town, along with a history of the property and the current Greenwich Plaza site.

Darrell Harvey, co-president of The Ashforth Co., also spoke of the need for and the impact of the project on the property and the Town. Also speaking to the specifics of the project design with renderings was architect Frank Prial of the firm Beyer Blinder Belle.

Specific details of the presentation may be found on the Town [website](#).

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Toner made a motion to nominate Suzanne Brown to The Nathaniel Witherell board for a term to expire June 30, 2022. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Executive Session

There was none.

8. Adjournment

At 11:53 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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Recording Secretary