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Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, July 23, 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 with amendments
 - b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on July 11, 2019.
- 3. First Selectman's Updates – Peter J. Tesei**
- 4. Old 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.
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Proposed detour route for Field Point Road for the new Greenwich substation construction – Eversource construction manager Eric Leu.
- 6. Appointments and Nominations**
- 7. Executive Session**
 - a. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and/or settlement of claims.
- 8. Adjourn**

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Meeting Board of Selectmen

July 23, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 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 with amendments.

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

- b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on July 11, 2019.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Tesei explained that the Town Charter requires that the First Selectman provide updates to the Board once a month.

He announced that because of the rainstorms the previous day, swimming has been prohibited at both Greenwich Point and Byram Park today (July 23).

On July 18, he and Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano met with Jo Conboy and Andrew Melillo of the Greenwich Preservation Trust regarding the relocation of Thomas Lyon House, possibly towards the top of the hill near the Hamill Skating Rink. The next step will be a meeting with the skating rink committee.

Also on July 18, Mr. Tesei participated in the annual Founders' Day program with the Greenwich Historical Society and Greenwich Point Conservancy at Innis Arden Cottage where winners of the 'This Place Matters' photo contest also were announced. This was the 379th anniversary of the Town's founding.

On July 22, there was a meeting of the Fairfield 5 – the chief elected officials of Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Westport and Fairfield - with the presidents of

UConn Stamford, Fairfield and Sacred Heart Universities. Each institution gave presentations about their efforts to grow and draw talent to the region.

Upcoming events include this weekend's annual Sand Blast sand sculpture contest at Greenwich Point.

4. Old 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.

Because of the public interest for **Item 4a**, Mr. Tesei said he would entertain a motion to take **Item 5a** out of order.

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

5. New Business

- a. Proposed detour route for Field Point Road for the new Greenwich substation construction – Eversource construction manager Eric Leu.

Mr. Leu explained the work will involve three separate detours for the duration of the project that includes work on manholes, installation of transmission lines and duct banks, and the installation of a pedestrian bridge on Davis Avenue in Bruce Park.

Resident Nancy Ramer asked if signage could be installed through Bruce Park as it is difficult to navigate the area, especially at night. Mr. Leu agreed to have additional signage installed. Mr. Tesei requested Deputy DPW Commissioner James Michel follow up on the signage request.

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

4. Old 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.

Mr. Tesei said the project has been before the Board of Estimate and Taxation and is scheduled to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission on July 30. Mr. Branyan stated that the MI process starts with the Board of Selectmen with a referral to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He also said the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) can only vote on whether to approve the agreement.

There was discussion about various aspects of the proposal, the lease and the agreement. Mr. Branyan also said whether the air rights can be bid out to a party other than Ashforth Co. is under review by the Town Attorney. Mr. Tesei there was one attorney who said he is representing a client who is interested in bidding on the air rights.

Mr. Litvack said he is not opposed to the project and wants to wait until there is more information available and questions answered.

BET Budget Chair Leslie Moriarty said there are questions concerning the valuation of the air rights and that she expects that board will have the answers in September including whether it is a good transaction for the Town.

Also speaking about the scheduling meetings were Ms. Arline Lomazzo, chair of the RTM DPW Committee, and Peter Berg, RTM Land Use Committee chair.

Mr. Tesei said there is a path to move forward and a vote will be easier once the questions are answered.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

7. Executive Session

There was none.

8. Adjournment

At 11:57 a.m., Mr. Litvack made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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