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Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Meeting Thursday, August 8, 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 July 11, 2019.
 - b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on July 23, 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. Settlement of Luke v. Town of Greenwich.
- 6. Appointments and Nominations**
- 7. Executive Session**
 - a. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and/or settlement of claims; and to interview candidates for nomination to boards or commissions.
- 8. Adjourn**

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Meeting Board of Selectmen

August 8, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

AMENDED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 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. He also noted that the Town lost several volunteers with the deaths of Robert Crawford, a longtime Byram Volunteer Fire Department member who also portrayed Santa Claus for many years at McArdle's Florist; Craig Connolly who volunteered for more than 60 years with the Cos Cob Volunteer Fire Department and Michael Ulasky who served on the Representative Town Meeting for District 9 and was an architect of creating the Griff Harris Golf Course revolving fund. He expressed condolences to their families and thanks for their service.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

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

- b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on July 23, 2019.

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

3. First Selectman's Updates

On July 25, Mr. Tesei swore in four new police recruits - Michael Bellairs, Nicholas Sarno, Salvatore Tramontano and Brooke Lombardo.

Also on July 25, Mr. Tesei participated in an alternative fuel systems workshop that was organized and hosted by Fleet Director Jay Domeseck with the Connecticut Southwestern Area Clean Cities Coalition. The workshop included discussion on fuel cost-cutting and more environmentally friendly fuel alternatives for municipal vehicle fleets. That was followed by a ribbon-cutting

for a new business in Cos Cob – a coffee and chocolate shop called Chocoylatte that is operated by resident Kelly Dantas.

On July 29, Mr. Tesei participated with the Greenwich Health Department and Director Caroline Baisley an assessment of department operations and goals with the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The assessment included an extensive review of all facets of the department's operations ranging from services offered to information provided on its webpages on the Town website and will move the department forward towards accreditation.

Also on July 29, he met with Jill Brennan, the new transportation director of concessions operations and revenue of the office of property & facilities services for the state Department of Transportation. They reviewed neighbors' concerns including safety and security at the two service plazas of the Merritt Parkway here in Greenwich. Ms. Brennan said more fencing will be installed.

On July 30, he held a meeting with several key department heads including the Department of Public Works and Zoning Enforcement regarding efforts to mitigate the ongoing situation with the property at 46 Mead Avenue. The Town has issued a notice of violation to the owners who are in the process of obtaining a demolition permit. The Building, Fire Marshal and Nuisance Abatement officials have been in contact with the state's attorney on how to proceed.

Also on July 30, Selectman Toner and Mr. Tesei participated in a Community Stakeholders roundtable discussion at the Greenwich Historical Society. The Historical Society is undergoing a reaccreditation process with the Reaccreditation Commission of the American Alliance of Museums.

On July 31, Highway Supt. Joe Roberto retired after nearly 23 years of service to the Town. The interim highway superintendent is long-time employee Pete Kurpeawski. Later this month, Terry Pieczko, the Highway Division's administrative assistant, will retire after 47 years of service.

Mr. Tesei also read a letter from a resident thanking Police Officer Steve Frano for his compassion and concern during her recent convalescence.

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 Brayan.

Mr. Tesei explained that this item would remain on the agenda until action is taken.

Town Attorney Wayne Fox explained his answers to two questions previously posed by the Board: whether the Town can market the air rights to another

party and whether the Town is required to market the air rights to another party. Mr. Fox said it was his opinion that the existing lease does not prohibit the Town from leasing/selling the air rights. He said it also was his opinion that the Town has the right to publicly offer the air rights but it is not required to do so.

Mr. Litvack commented that the opinion begs the question of whether the Town should pursue the individual who asked about the air rights to determine the veracity of the interest in the air rights.

Board of Estimate and Taxation Chair Jill Oberlander requested a copy of Mr. Fox's opinion.

5. New Business

a. Settlement of Luke v. Town of Greenwich.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the Board unanimously approved entering an Executive Session to discuss settlement of the claim and to interview three candidates for nomination to a board or commission.

The board entered Executive Session at 10:37 a.m. In attendance were Town Attorney Wayne Fox, attorney Michael Lynch via conference call; Christopher Carter, Nicholas Macri and Margarita Alban.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded Mr. Toner, the Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session at 11:51 a.m.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded Mr. Litvack, the Board voted unanimously to nominate Christopher Carter as a regular member of The Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded Mr. Toner, the Board voted unanimously to nominate Nicholas Macri as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire October 31, 2022.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tesei that was seconded Mr. Toner, the Board voted unanimously to nominate Margarita Alban as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term to expire October 31, 2020.

7. Executive Session

See above.

8. Adjournment

At 11:55 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 22, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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