

Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 25, 2021
10 a.m.
Via Zoom webinar
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

a. Attendance:

- a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
- b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
- c. Select-person Jill Oberlander – Present

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board of Selectmen special emergency meeting January 31, 2021.**

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- b. Board of Selectmen special emergency meeting February 2, 2021.**

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- c. Board of Selectmen special emergency meeting February 3, 2021.**

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- d. Board of Selectmen special emergency meeting February 6, 2021.**

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- e. Board of Selectmen special emergency meeting February 6, 2021.**

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Camillo provided updates on a variety of issues including the budget process and the COVID pandemic.

4. Selectmen's Updates

Selectwoman Rabin and Selectperson Oberlander provided updates on various committees and issues they are involved with.

5. Old Business

a. Edgewood Rive loading zone update – Town Planner Katie DeLuca.

Ms. DeLuca advised that work/review continues on this issue with various car dealerships. She is hopeful she will return to the Board with a resolution in a month or two.

b. Amend ordinance creating Energy Management Advisory Committee to reflect members will serve staggered terms – Barbara Heins, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the amendment was approved unanimously.

c. Change term expiration dates for Energy Management Advisory Committee members Peter Schweinforth and Ryan Fazio to December 31, 2023.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the term expiration date changes were approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Replacement of Sound Beach Avenue bridge over Laddins Brook – DPW Senior Civil Engineer Gabriella Circosta Cohee.

Ms. Cohee explained that this will be a 12-month long project that would begin July 6 with road closures and detour routes to follow. Deputy DPW Commissioner James Michel said the Department preferred a vote on the proposal today rather than waiting until the next Selectmen meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the project was approved unanimously.

b. Eversource easement for 451 Steamboat Road – Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad.

Ms. Ahmad explained that the upgrades and renovation to the Police Pistol Range required an upgrade of the power to 400 amps. That increase requires underground installation, per Eversource.

Ms. Oberlander had questions regarding the easement restrictions and Mr. Camillo had questions about landscaping. Superintendent of Building, Construction and Maintenance, Alan Monelli, explained all of the infrastructure work has been completed and access to the underground conduit is on grass behind the building which hasn't been used since January 2020.

A special meeting will be held to approve the easement if language regarding restrictions can be resolved by Ms. Ahmad.

- c. Flag installation Greenwich Avenue; update on Greenwich Avenue valet parking – Sebastian Dostmann, Alyssa Bonomo, John Dent.

Mr. Camillo said he approached Mr. Dostmann and Ms. Bonomo after being approached about the idea last year as a means of enlivening Greenwich Avenue. Ms. Oberlander had questions regarding whether the Re-Imagine Greenwich committee voted on the proposal, the cost of the flags, insurance needs, whether merchants and residents were surveyed about the flag installation, and whether the effort can be spread around town.

Town Planner Katie DeLuca said zoning regulations prohibit use of a ribbon indicating who donated the flag.

DPW Deputy Commissioner James Michel stated that Eversource owns the lightpoles, not the Town.

Mr. Dent provided an update on the valet parking program on Greenwich Avenue. He expressed a need to conduct a longer trial time to determine viability of the program.

- d. Code of Ethics amendments – Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad.

Ms. Ahmad and Board of Ethics Chair Paul deBary explained the proposed changes, increasing the trigger requiring filing of financial disclosure statements of Town officers from \$100 to \$200, and to allow for electronic filing of such statements.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the amendments were approved unanimously.

- e. License agreement for use of property by Greenwich Fire Department – Assistant Town Attorney Abby Wadler.

Item withdrawn for a future meeting to be determined.

7. Adjournment

At 11:46 a.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary