

Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 22, 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 regular meeting April 8, 2021.

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

- b. Board of Selectmen special meeting April 8, 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 Earth Day programs; the Board's April 26 public forum for residents and businesses in Old Greenwich; the COVID-19 situation in Town; The Nathaniel Witherell and the bump-outs on Greenwich Avenue.

4. Selectmen's Updates

Selectwoman Rabin provided updates on various committees she is involved with including the Selectmen's Nomination Advisory Committee and Select-person Oberlander provided updates on the committees she is involved with including the Sustainability Committee and that work has been completed on the electric vehicle charging station at Town Hall.

5. Old Business

- a. Update from Neighbor to Neighbor regarding co-sponsoring an event with the Greenwich Teen Center, ending no later than April 30, 2021 – Margaret Goldberg, Neighbor to Neighbor executive director.

Ms. Goldberg said the agency is working to secure an alternative site in order to relocate operations from the Teen Center.

- b. Continue discussion on possible amendment to local ordinance regarding the admittance of dogs to Town beaches – First Selectman Fred Camillo.

Mr. Camillo said an option could involve a fenced off area on the beach for dogs. With concerns about disturbing breeding wildlife in the spring, perhaps the season could be expanded in the fall.

Ms. Oberlander expressed concern about enforcement of existing regulations, dogs being off-leash and owner pickup of animal debris.

6. New Business

- a. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance Schedule I – Sunshine Avenue – Deputy Police Chief Mark Marino.

Mr. Marino explained the amendment is the result of a joint effort between the Department of Parking Services and the Department of Public Works Engineering Division to address a request from a Perry Place resident.

Senior Civil Engineer Jason Kaufman explained the proposed elimination of the parking spaces and traffic regulations regarding intersections.

Perry Place residents Marzena Szeliga, Diane Perry and Richard Vizzo spoke in favor of the proposed change.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, the amendment was approved by a 2-0-1 vote. Ms. Oberlander abstained.

- b. Request for approval of Pollinator Pathway designation resolution – Select-person Jill Oberlander.

Environmental analyst Aleksandra Moch and Environmental Affairs Director Patricia Sesto explained the reasoning for the designation and the unified message about sustainability and the environment that the resolution would send to the community.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oberlander to amend the resolution to change 'turf grass' to 'mowed lawn,' and

a second by Ms. Rabin, the resolution was approved unanimously.

- c. Request for authorization for use of the Town's riparian rights at DPW Park, 160 S. Water St. - Tav Passarelli, owner of Ebb Tide Boats, Inc.

Mr. Passarelli and Rosie Solano discussed their proposal to use the Town's riparian rights on South Water Street to access the Byram River in order build additional dockage at Ebb Tide Boats marina. Mr. Passarelli explained the plan would be similar to the marina operation he has across the river in Port Chester, adjacent to the Bartaco restaurant property that he owns.

Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad said there isn't any evidence that the Town has previous riparian right agreements. She also highlighted various points that would be included in a lease agreement to protect the Town's interests. Further review by Planning & Zoning, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Town's departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation would be necessary.

Harbor Management Commission vice chair Lile Gibbons said the proposed plan has been discussed at various levels for at least three years and it would provide a means to preserve the Town's waterfront. She said her comments did not reflect to the Harbor Management Commission which has not received an application.

No action was taken.

7. Appointments and Nominations

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Philip Dodson was nominated for reappointment to the Alarm Appeals Board (position R5) for a term expiring June 30, 2025. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, James Dougherty was nominated for reappointment to the Commission on Aging (position R2) for a term expiring June 30, 2024. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Paul de Bary was nominated for reappointment to the Board of Ethics (position R1) for

a term expiring June 30, 2024. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Jennifer Cohen was nominated for appointment to the Board of Ethics (position R2) for a term beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Greg Pauletti was nominated for appointment to the Board of Human Services (position R3) for a term beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024. The nomination was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

At 11:25 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