

Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 24, 2021
10 a.m.
Via Zoom webinar
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 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 June 10, 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 ribbon cutting of the Elm Street/Greenwich Avenue bump-out; the continuing downward trend of COVID-19 in Town and possibility of resuming in-person meetings in July; various park/beach cleanups, and the awarding of a labor negotiations contract with Michael Mason.

4. Selectmen's Updates

Selectwoman Rabin provided updates on various activities she is involved with including participating in the Defining Diversity contest awards, the Byram Community; the Western Council of Governments and the KPIs (key performance indicators) for the Plan of Conservation and Development. Select-person Oberlander offered congratulations to those recently promoted in the Greenwich Police and Greenwich Fire departments, as well to Greenwich High School graduates; reported updates on the Sustainability Committee; and said she is receiving questions on the backlog of permits and inspections.

5. Old Business

- a. **Amendment to traffic ordinance regarding explanation of the parking citation appeal process** – Parking Services Business Services Manager LuAnn Bellantoni.

Ms. Bellantoni explained the amendment was revised because of concern over wording.

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

- b. **Proposed parking restrictions/regulations on North Street, between Lita Drive and Maple Avenue** - Deputy Police Chief Kraig Gray.

Deputy Chief Gray explained the crash data for the area that was collected.

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

- c. **Discussion of Board of Selectmen nomenclature** – Select-person Jill Oberlander.

Ms. Oberlander explained that the issue dates back to the Board's first meeting in December 2019 and that she proposes the Board name be changed to Greenwich Select Board.

There was discussion on gathering community input/feedback on the proposal and how best to do so, so that a vote could be taken in early September.

6. New Business

- a. **Milbrook Club request for special exemption permit for a July 17, 2021 special event** – Milbrook Club General Manager Scott Kloster.

In Mr. Kloster's absence, Board Secretary Heins explained this is an annual request for the Club's clambake which is attended by nearly all of the residents of the Milbrook Association neighborhood.

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

b. Establish a Bicycle Task Force – First Selectman Fred Camillo.

Mr. Camillo explained that he wanted a group of people familiar with the issues to be dedicated to determining what can be done and how it can be done with stakeholders as well as representatives from Greenwich Police, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Risk Management.

Residents Ernst Shirmer and Vin DiMarco spoke in favor of the task force.

Ms. Oberlander suggested that a Town department head co-chair the task force to ensure the work is focused and completed.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the establishment of the First Selectman's Bicycle Task Force was approved unanimously.

c. Appeal of ADA grievance regarding accessible parking redesign of Elm Street/Greenwich Avenue – Alan Gunzberg.

Mr. Gunzberg explained that his appeal of the ADA compliance grievance is focused on removing the tree warden and his authority from future Title II ADA projects in Town and replaced with a review by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Human Services. He referenced three projects: the Elm Street/Greenwich Avenue sidewalk extensions; the Sunshine Avenue sidewalk and Cardinal Stadium.

Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad explained that the issue before the Board is that it cannot cut the tree warden out of the review process. She said the Board has to issue a written response to Mr. Gunzberg's appeal by July 8.

d. Reschedule July 22, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting to July 21 - Selectwoman Lauren Rabin.

Ms. Rabin explained that she is attending a Western Council of Governments workshop on July 22.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the establishment of the date change was approved unanimously.

7. Adjournment

At 12:13 p.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

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