Board of Selectmen Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2022
10 a.m.
Cone Room and via Zoom Webinar

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes

3. First Selectman’s Updates – Fred Camillo.


5. Old Business

   There is none.

6. New Business
   a. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance Schedule XIV – Arch Street, Town Project 12-34 – Senior Civil Engineer Gabriella Circosta Cohee.
   b. Quiet Yards Greenwich – Elizabeth Dempsey and Jane Brash
7. Appointments/Nominations

8. Adjournment

Fred Camillo
First Selectman

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Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
February 10, 2022
10 a.m.
via Zoom webinar
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

a. Attendance:
   a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
   b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
   c. Select-person Janet Stone McGuigan – Present

2. Approval of minutes

a. Regular meeting Jan. 27, 2022

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

b. Special meeting Jan. 27, 2022

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

c. Special meeting Jan. 28, 2022

   Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0-1. Mr. Camillo abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

d. Special meeting Jan. 30, 2022

   Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. First Selectman’s Updates

Mr. Camillo provided updates on COVID statistics; he stated he will discuss when an optional face mask policy for Town facilities will be implemented with Town Administrator and Chief Operating Officer Ben Branyan. He also spoke of the Tuesday Feb. 8 press conference with the state delegation regarding impact of the 8-30g zoning regulation; and mentioned that several new restaurants are opening in Town.

4. Selectmen’s Updates

Selectwoman Rabin wished her Mother a happy 83rd birthday; praised the hard hat tour of the Bruce Museum construction project and recommended tours be arranged for DPW, the Re-Imagine Greenwich and Sustainability committees. She said she’s received many emails about Central Middle School and 1000% supports rebuilding the school. Ms. Stone McGuigan said she also supports a rebuild of Central Middle School; requested that the Town calendar on the Town website be used to post all meeting information; spoke highly of the First Selectman’s Youth Commission and its 3rd annual diversity forum; promoted the League of Women Voters Feb. 22 forum on ranked choice voting and CCI’s Valentine’s Day bake sale to be held in the Town Hall lobby.

5. Old Business

a. Amend term expiration of Matt Popp, nominated to be a regular member (R-8) of the Board of Parks & Recreation, to June 30, 2023.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the amended term expiration was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Revised Declaration of Trust Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund – Planning & Zoning Chair Margarita Alban.

Ms. Alban explained the revisions were the result of reviews and suggestions made by Representative Town Meeting committees, following original approval by the Board of Selectmen. She asked the Board to approve the minor revisions without the usual second read.

Mr. Camillo and Ms. Stone McGuigan voice support of the revisions. Ms. Rabin said there should be consideration of term limits for trust fund committee members as well as all boards, commissions and committees. There is only one Board that has self-imposed term limits – the Board of Human Services.
Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the revised declaration was approved unanimously.

7. Appointments/Nominations

There were none.

8. Adjournment

At 10:32 a.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the motion was approved unanimously.

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary
Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
February 10, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom meeting
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

a. Attendance:
   a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
   b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
   c. Select-person Janet Stone McGuigan – Present

2. Executive Session –

Interviews with candidates for boards, commissions or committees; Discussion of strategy regarding pending litigation and FOIC decision – Town of Greenwich v. Lowry and Braxton v. Greenwich Police Department – Assistant Town Attorney Abby Wadler and Town Attorney Barbara Schellenberg.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:08 a.m.

Also in attendance were Board Secretary Barbara Heins, Town Attorney Barbara Schellenberg; Sally Bednar, Anthony Cicchetti, Rick Brooks, Allison Walsh and Maryann Ramos.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the Board voted unanimously to leave the Executive Session at 1:07 p.m.

3. Possible votes on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the Board voted unanimously to grant authority to the Law Department to appeal the FOIC decision in the case of Braxton v. Greenwich Police Department.
4. Adjournment

At 1:08 p.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the motion was approved unanimously.

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins, Recording Secretary
Attached for review and approval by the Board of Selectmen is a proposed amendment to the traffic ordinance. This amendment allows for the installation of 4 new spaces as a loading zone at the ferry access entrance on Arch Street that would allow for a 15-minute limit. Prior to the CMAQ-Arch Street Improvements project, there was not a defined loading zone. This option will allow beach goers a safe place, outside of the travel way, to drop off and load their belongings.

The proposed modifications is a result of a decision made during the design process through consultation with the Department of Parking Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation. DPW is in the final construction phase of the CMAQ Arch Street Improvements Project.

Enclosed for your review is the proposed Amendment with a plan showing the changes to line striping and proposed signage in the area of interest.
BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED this day of , 20
by the BOARD OF SELECTMEN of the Town of Greenwich, acting as the TRAFFIC
AUTHORITY thereof, under and pursuant to authority conferred by the General Statutes of the
State of Connecticut, the Special Acts relating to the Town of Greenwich, and an ordinance
adopted by the Representatives Town Meeting on April 14, 1952.

That the “TRAFFIC ORDINANCE” adopted on April 28, 1953 is hereby amended as
follows:

Schedule XIV
Loading Zone

Add: Arch Street, Ferry Entrance

3. Four (4) spaces fifteen-minute limit, as posted and marked.

That this amendment shall take effect forthwith.

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Fred Camillo
First Selectman

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Lauren Rabin
Selectwoman

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Janet Stone McGuigan
Selectman
QUIET YARDS
GREENWICH
CLEAN • GREEN • SERENE
About Us

- **WHO?** Our committee represents a broad consortium of community stakeholders. We are Greenwich residents, business owners, parents, school PTA members, realtors, neighborhood associations, RTM members, Conservation Commission members, Sustainability Committee members, former and current commercial landscapers, board members of the Land Trust, Tree Conservancy, League of Women Voters, and commercial garden professionals.

- **WHY?** Responding to the concerns and complaints of residents about excessive gas-powered leaf blowing and its impacts on the quality of life in Greenwich.

- **Our Mission:** To explore new ways to balance our health, environment, and quality of life with the latest landscaping techniques and options.
Why we are concerned about gas-powered leaf blowers

GLB noise exceeds 100 db, penetrates walls, windows, and crosses property lines. The noise causes irreversible hearing loss with sound levels deemed unsafe by major health organizations. GLB’s disrupt our residents’ ability to enjoy their own homes and properties.

GLB’s produce toxic exhaust that blows carcinogenic particulates into the air that can linger for days. These fumes are inhaled by us all: landscape workers, children and residents.

GLB’s emit more greenhouse gases in 30 minutes than a pickup truck driving 3900 miles, and produce excessive ozone.

GLB’s destroy the natural layer of leaf litter that protects and nourishes plants and wildlife, including hibernating pollinators. They desiccate and harden our top soil causing storm water run-off and flooding.
Neighboring municipalities are responding to Health Organization Concerns

**Westchester Summer and Winter Limits**
Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Mt. Vernon, Scarsdale, Pelham Manor, Port Chester, Ossining, White Plains, Greenburgh

**Westchester Summer Limits**
Bronxville, Rye, Hastings on Hudson, Bedford, Mamaroneck, New Castle, New Rochelle, Sleepy Hollow, Tuckahoe, Yonkers, Tarrytown, Ardsley

**Westchester Year Round Moratorium**
Larchmont, Irvington
And so are over 200 Towns nationwide:

Municipalities have explored a variety of options:

**LONG TERM**
- Prohibit use of all types of LBs
- Allow use of electric LBs only
- Introduce an equipment exchange program
- Introduce loans / rebate / tax incentives
- Restrict retail sales
- Maintain distance from neighboring property
- Restrict to one LB onsite at a time
- Restrict use to a specified seasonal calendar
- Restrict use at week-ends & holidays
- Limit hours & duration of use
- Enforce noise ordinance

**SHORTTERM**
- No change