

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen Meeting

February 24, 2022

10 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room and via Zoom webinar

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 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 Feb. 10, 2022

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

b. Special meeting Feb. 10, 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 numbers: 1 COVID patient at Greenwich Hospital, 95% of Town residents have initiated the vaccination process and 83% are fully vaccinated. He reported that he will continue to meet with The Nathaniel Witherell Board bi-monthly as it reviews the report on whether the Town will privatize the facility. Other updates included a Greenwich Avenue business is seeking to fund installation of EV charging stations; he is honorary chair of the Scouting for Food food drive on March 5 and he has or will be testifying before various Legislative committees on a variety of issues including recycling of supermarket surplus food and the 8-30g housing regulations.

4. Selectmen's Updates

Selectwoman Rabin said she is working with Town Planner Katie DeLuca, Senior Management Analyst Dan Carlsen and Town Administrator /COO Ben Branyan on the KPI's (key performance indicators) as they relate to the Plan of Conservation and Development; updated the work of the Selectmen's Nomination Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers; that she attended the Feb. 17 legislative meeting with the Western Connecticut Council of Governments discussion on fiber versus 5g networks. Ms. Stone McGuigan spoke of the landscaping seminars being offered by the Greenwich Botanical Center; the upcoming Greenwich Boy Scouts Scouting for food collection for Neighbor to Neighbor; the LWV essay contest and the annual Fairfield County Giving Day efforts.

5. Old Business

- a. There was none.

6. New Business

- a. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance Schedule XIV – Arch Street, Town Project 12-34 – Senior Civil Engineer Gabriella Circosta Cohee.

Ms. Cohee said that the adaptive traffic signals at the Exit 3/Arch Street/Railroad Avenue corridor should be activated in early March. As part of that project, it is proposed that a loading zone of four spaces to accommodate ferry riders. The spaces would have a 15-minute limit.

Ms. Stone McGuigan asked whether there was any public comment and if the Board can do a second read at its next meeting. Mr. Camillo agreed to the second read. Ms. Rabin questioned the enforcement of the 15-minute limit, which Mr. Camillo said would be addressed by Deputy Police Chief Kraig Gray who oversees the Department of Parking Services.

No action was taken.

- b. Quiet Yards Greenwich – Elizabeth Dempsey and Jane Brash.

Ms. Dempsey and Ms. Brash explained that in response to hearing from various constituencies in Town concern on the noise pollution from and overuse of gas-powered leaf blowers, they conducted a survey of 600 residents of which 90% indicated they wanted change in Town ordinances. They requested permission to produce a report for the Board indicating the desire of and need for ordinance changes.

Mr. Camillo said he wanted attribution for the statistics and would like to see the group move forward with short-term options and long-term goals. Both Selectwomen said they supported more study and information.

7. Appointments/Nominations

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the nomination of Frederick 'Rick' Brooks to the Alarm Appeals Board (R1) for a term expiring 6.30.2026, approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the nomination Maryann Ramos to the Board of Health (R1) for a term expiring 6.30.2026, approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

At 10:50 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