

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen Meeting

January 9, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Cone Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 on December 14, 2019.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oberlander and a second by Ms. Rabin, the minutes which would be amended to reflect Ms. Oberlander's need to change a couple of future meeting dates in the 2020 Selectmen's meeting schedule, were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Camillo reported that the Board has begun holding weekly work sessions which will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Mondays (with the exception of Town holidays) in the Office of the First Selectman. He met with representatives of CCM on Jan. 8 and it is expected that CCM will highlight this idea in their magazine.

Mr. Camillo said the weekly newsletter email has been well-received and there are nearly 27,000 subscribers.

He is continuing meetings with various departments regarding the 2020-21 budget. The Capital Improvement Program public hearing is tonight at 6 o'clock in the Cone Room.

Mr. Camillo also reported on the Town's bond rating, and that the Town was able to sell \$90 million in five-year general obligation bonds and one-year bond anticipation notes. Town financed \$40 million General Obligation Bonds for an interest rate of 0.823566% with a \$4,922,400 premium resulting in a 5% coupon. \$50 million in BANS for one year were sold at 0.891620%. The five-year bonds came in lower than the rate for the 1 -year note.

The third and final candidate for the Purchasing/Administrative Services Director position will be held today. He anticipates having a recommendation for the Board in the very near future.

4. Selectmen's Updates

Selectwoman Rabin said she is organizing a list of neighborhood associations, boards and commissions for review in a future work session. There are 41 such groups in Town with three neighborhood associations having upcoming meetings. She plans to attend the Jan. 11 CCM workshop for newly elected officials.

Select-person Oberlander said she is focusing on the Environmental Sustainability and Enhancement Committee which is working to identify green initiatives, establishing electric vehicle charging stations as a pilot project. She said she also is starting to take up economic development issues.

4. Old Business

- a. Proposed Parks & Recreation Department 2020 Fee Schedule – Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano.

The Board thanked Mr. Siciliano for providing answers to their questions regarding the proposed schedule. Ms. Oberlander said she was prepared to vote on the fee proposal with the exception of the Greenwich Avenue nonprofit banner fee.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to approve the fee schedule with the exception of the banner fee. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Siciliano said he hoped that proposed fee would be voted upon in the next 30 days as banner installation usually begins in mid-March.

5. New Business

- a. Charter and code changes regarding parking for Pintail Lane, Lafayette Place Parking Lot and Hamilton Avenue – Deputy Police Chief Mark Marino.

Deputy Chief Marino explained Pintail Lane residents requested permit parking from 7 to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday to stem the overflow parking of Greenwich High School students who can't park on campus. Nearby streets already have permit parking for the same reason. Regarding Lafayette Place, he said it is an opportunity to provide more permit parking for merchants and their employees to help free up parking on Greenwich Avenue. The one-hour parking limit in the area of 311 Hamilton Ave. was requested by the property owner who reports residents park vehicles for the day, precluding customers from parking outside the business there. Deputy Chief Marino said there are several other one-hour limitations for businesses on Hamilton Avenue.

Retired Men's Association (RMA) member Don Conway voiced concern that the permit parking would impede attendance for the RMA's weekly meetings. Ms. Nancy Ramer questioned whether Planning & Zoning was consulted about the Lafayette Place parking plan and its impact on the Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD).

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin that was seconded by Ms. Oberlander, the Pintail Lane change was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin that was seconded by Ms. Oberlander, the Hamilton Avenue change was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oberlander that was seconded by Ms. Rabin, the Board unanimously voted to delay the Lafayette Place change until there was consultation with Planning and Zoning, the RMA and merchants.

- b. Scenic road designation for northern loop around Binney Park – Rita Baker, Candace Garthwaite.

This was postponed until the Jan. 23 meeting as Ms. Baker and Ms. Garthwaite were not in attendance.

- c. Proposed ordinance to create an Energy Management Commission – Environmental Affairs Director Patricia Sesto.

Ms. Sesto provided a history of the Conservation Commissions review of the Town's energy consumption. An Energy Management Commission would be dedicated to energy issues that would help the Town save money in both Town and Board of Education buildings. The Town currently spends \$6 million on energy annually. The short-term goal is 20% savings with a 40% savings long-term.

Ms. Oberlander said she was prepared to vote on the proposal. Ms. Rabin said she preferred a first-read and was not prepared to vote. Mr. Camillo said he respected the first-read process.

No vote was taken.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin that was seconded by Ms. Oberlander, former Selectman John F. Toner was appointed a member of the Selectmen's Nomination Advisory Committee.

7. Executive Session

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin that was seconded by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously voted to move into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

Also attending were Town Attorney Wayne Fox, Assistant Town Attorneys Aamina Ahmad and Fred D'Arango, John F. Toner, Harbor Management Commission members Lile Gibbons, Frank Mazza and Bruce Angiolillo (by phone) and Board Secretary Barbara Heins.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin that was seconded by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously voted to exit the Executive Session at 12:24 p.m.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to allow the Law Department to file an amicus brief intervention on behalf of the Town and the Harbor Management Commission to intervene in Susan Cohen v. State of Connecticut DEEP. Upon a second by Mr. Camillo, the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

At 12:28 p.m., Ms. Oberlander made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Rabin, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board work session is at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13, 2020, and the next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Jan. 23, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman

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