

Board of Selectmen Workshop
January 13, 2020
Office of the First Selectmen
Approved Minutes

The workshop was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Attendance: First Selectman Fred Camillo, Selectwoman Lauren Rabin, Select-person Jill Oberlander, Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, Police Chief James Heavey, Police Lt. James Bonney; residents Joe Kaliko, Doreen and Tog Pearson; reporters Ken Borsuk and Leslie Yager.

Lt. Bonney presented possible pedestrian safety measures on Milbank Avenue in the area of Agnes Morley Heights (AMH), the senior citizens apartment building. The measures are being considered after a 77-year-old AMH resident was critically injured when she was struck by a car on Jan. 8, 2020. In February 2018, a 72-year-old AMH resident was fatally injured in the same crosswalk area.

Following a motion by Ms. Rabin that was seconded by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously voted to allow Joe Kaliko to present his proposal on providing aid to residents who are food-challenged. He explained he is working with the Department of Human Services to identify potential recipients at elementary schools.

First Selectman Camillo opened discussion on whether there should be a policy to protect the integrity of neighborhoods and to protect residents from the proliferation of AirBnB rentals. Discussion included comments from Doreen and Tog Pearson who operate the Stanton House Inn. They opined that they are required to meet several licensing and training regulations that AirBnb's do not.

Mr. Camillo also opened discussion about the growth of tax exempt properties that are being purchased by private schools and Greenwich Hospital. Ms. Oberlander said the Town's Assessor is working on this issue.

Regarding work on a blight ordinance, Mr. Camillo said he expects the ordinance to be ready for review by March and that it will provide a six to 12-month window to address issues rather than languishing for decades and being a public safety issue.

Regarding advertising banners on Greenwich Avenue, Ms. Oberlander suggested the Town consider developing advertising policy and receive input from residents whether there should be nonprofit and commercial advertising around Town.

Ms. Oberlander also provided an update on the review on the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Town.

The workshop was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman

Barbara Heins, Recording Secretary