Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room
Special Meeting

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:11 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
   a. Attendance:
      i. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei – Present
      ii. Selectman Drew Marzullo – Present

2. To fill the vacancy left by the untimely passing of Selectman David N. Theis and to make an appointment to the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the CGS – Connecticut General Statutes – Section 9-222
   a. The First Selectman read Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-222.
      i. “Filling of vacancy in office of first selectman or selectman. When a vacancy occurs in the office of first selectman or in the office of selectman it shall be filled within thirty days after the day of its occurrence by the remaining members of the board of selectmen.”
      ii. Greenwich is fortunate to have an abundance of talented people who are willing to volunteer their time for our Town’s many boards and commissions. We wish to express appreciation to those individuals who have expressed an interest in serving the remainder of David Theis’ term as Selectman.
   b. Drew Marzullo added that while there is no replacing Dave Theis as Selectman, he and the First Selectman both endeavored to find a person who shares many of the qualities Dave Theis embodied. Dave clearly understood what the prescribed duties of a Selectman is, and was committed and loyal to supporting the First Selectman. Dave also had deep roots in our community, and had decades of relationships which fostered his knowledge and decision-making ability. Drew Marzullo therefore nominates John F. Toner to fill the balance of the term left by the untimely passing of Selectman David N. Theis. Mr. Marzullo believes that of all the prospective candidates considered, John Toner will best carry forth Dave Theis’ legacy. Peter Tesei seconded. The motion passed 2-0-0 at 10:20 a.m.
   c. John F. Toner was born at Greenwich Hospital, grew up in Bruce Park, and has spent most of his life in Greenwich. After attending St. Mary Grammar and St. Mary High School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Fairfield University. Following this he spent 2 years in the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa, where he taught English Language and Literature in secondary school. Returning to Greenwich, he taught briefly and received a Master of Arts in Teaching before joining Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City for a career of 27 years, most recently in credit risk management. In 1998 John was elected to the Representative Town Meeting from District 2, and in 2008 from District 9 until the present. During this time, he has sat on the Appointments, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works Committees. He
was also a member of the Transportation Committee of the Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee. Since his retirement from Chase, he has volunteered at Greenwich Hospital and Call-A-Ride of Greenwich. He has served as President and Treasurer for the Hospital’s Volunteer Auxiliary Board for two, two year terms each and concurrently as a Trustee on the Hospital’s Board of Trustees for two years. He also was elected President and Treasurer for Call-A-Ride of Greenwich. For several years John sat on the Board of the Transportation Association of Greenwich. For many years he spent Saturday mornings at the Book Swap at Greenwich’s Resource Recovery Center.

3. Administration of Oath to newly appointed Selectman
   a. Town Clerk Carmella Budkins administered the Oath of Office to newly-appointed Selectman John Toner at 10:22 a.m.
   b. John Toner thanked Mr. Tesei and Mr. Marzullo for their confidence in appointing him to the Board. He will endeavor to live up to the legacy of David Theis, and be a productive member of the Board.

4. Adjourn

   John Toner motioned to adjourn. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motioned passed unanimously at 10:24 a.m.

   The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

   There will be a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room to discuss the process of amending the Town Charter, and the implications that would have on our Town.

   

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   Peter J. Tesei
   First Selectman

   

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