

# Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

Meeting January 25, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

## APPROVED 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 John Toner - Present
- III. Selectman Sandy Litvack – Present

Following the Pledge, Mr. Tesei greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to ask questions and make comments.

### 2. Moment of Silence for Lloyd Hull

Mr. Tesei also asked for a moment of silence to mark the passing of former long-time Representative Town Meeting member, Greenwich lawyer and decorated U.S. Navy veteran Lloyd Hull, who passed away Jan. 13.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on January 11, 2018 were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Litvack. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Mr. Tesei attended the annual luncheon and meeting of The Mews. The 60-unit senior housing facility was established by Nan Rockefeller and provides a variety of activities and meals for its residents.
- b. On Jan. 19, Mr. Tesei attended the Greenwich Association of Realtors' 94<sup>th</sup> annual meeting which included the presentation of a proclamation making Jan. 19, Paul Pugliese Day. He also spoke that the Realtors discussed their vested interest in the updating of the PoCD – Plan for Conservation and Development.
- c. Also on Jan. 19, Mr. Tesei said that he and Mr. Litvack attended the YWCA Greenwich 41<sup>st</sup> annual BRAVA Awards where 11 successful and accomplished women in the Greenwich community and two Greenwich High School students were honored for their work. He said it was a tremendously powerful luncheon and that honorees spoke about the reliance upon mentors for success in their careers. Mr. Litvack added that not enough can be said about the two Greenwich High School students – that they both give hope for the future.
- d. On Jan. 22, there was a meeting with Port Chester Mayor Rich 'Fritz' Falanka. One of the issues discussed was the continuing challenge with traffic from Exit 2 of I-95 that travels through Byram to Port Chester. Closing the exits is not an option, Mr. Tesei said. There is a plan for

synchronization of traffic lights along the Mill Street corridor. That plan is delayed as the Town continues to wait on the Connecticut Department of Transportation to approve the Frontage Road project which involves re-engineering the road. The Port Chester Mayor informed Mr. Tesei that the Village has approved construction of a couple more apartment buildings without on-site parking, forcing residents to use public parking. The Mayor also said there is a new campaign promoting use of the Metro-North parking garage and using a jitney to ferry drivers to and from their destinations. It is expected that this plan will help the parking situation in Byram where people who work and/or live in Port Chester are parking in Byram to avoid paying for parking, thus shutting out Greenwich residents and those seeking to patronize and/or work in Byram businesses.

- e. Mr. Tesei said he plans to attend the Jan. 25 community meeting at the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center where there will be a presentation and update on the Sound Beach Avenue bridge and roundabout projects. He said that there already has been considerable feedback from neighbors and not all was positive. That feedback also prompted some changes in the design of the projects.
- f. Mr. Tesei said he will be presenting his 2018-19 recommended budget to the Budget Committee of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) – marking the start of the seven-week budget review process.
- g. The Town has received a \$15,000 grant from Energize Connecticut, a partnership between the Conservation Commission and Eversource, Mr. Tesei announced.

## **5. Old Business**

- a. The Board discussed that it would meet in a joint Executive Session with the Board of Education at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at Parkway School, at the request of the BoE. Mr. Tesei asked that the Board of Selectmen recording secretary coordinate with the BoE on posting the meeting notice and that she would take separate notes at that meeting.

## **6. New Business**

- b. Amendment of term expiration dates for various Boards and Commissions was delayed until the Feb. 8 meeting.

## **7. Appointments and Nominations**

The Board discussed the need to nominate an alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission, a full member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and nominate a full member and an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The members agree to hold a special Board of Selectmen meeting in Executive Session to interview candidates for these positions. Depending upon schedules, the meeting will be held either Feb. 1 or Feb. 5.

The Board also must renominate two members for the Harbor Management Commission, nominate a replacement for Mr. Steven Kinner and then nominate a person to fill the vacancy created by the nomination of Mr. Kinner's replacement.

## **8. Executive Session**

Mr. Toner motioned to enter into executive session at 10:29 A.M.,

seconded by Mr. Litvack, for the purposes of interviewing nominees to Boards and/or Commissions and to discuss initiation of action to enforce or implement legal relief or a legal right. The Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Assistant Town Attorneys Eugene McLaughlin and Aamina Ahmad; Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, and candidates who were interviewed for consideration for nomination to Boards or Commissions.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 1:30 P.M. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

Mr. Tesei said that with the election of David Weisbrod to the BET, he stepped down from his post as chairman of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Tesei made a motion to nominate alternate member John Vecchiola to serve as a regular member for a term expiring 10/31/2018. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to nominate Joseph Angland as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring 10/31/2020. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to renominate Michael Van Oss as a member of the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring 3/31/2021. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the renomination was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to renominate Frank Mazza as a member of the Harbor Management Commission for a term expiring 3/31/2021. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the renomination was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to nominate Donald Carlson as a regular member of the Harbor Management Commission, replacing Stephen Kinner, for a term expiring 3/31/2021. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the nomination was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to nominate David Noble as an alternate member of the Harbor Management Commission, replacing Donald Carlson, for a term expiring 3/31/2021. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6028935S - Parcel No. 10-1641 for a tax credit of \$15,841. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. HHB CV 16-5017653S - Parcel No. 06-1629/S for a tax credit of \$1,829. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to settle Docket No. HHB CV 16-6034318S - Parcel No. 07-1538/S for a tax credit of \$2,911. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to settle Docket No. HHB CV 16-6034319S - Parcel No. 01-1960/S for a tax credit of \$7,810. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 9. Adjournment

Mr. Litvack motioned to adjourn at 1:45 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

  
Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

  
Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,  
Recording Secretary