1. **The meeting opened at 10:14 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.**
   a. Attendance:
      I. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
      II. Selectman John Toner - Present
      III. Selectman Drew Marzullo - Present
   
   The First Selectman greeted and welcomed attendees. He asked that all participate in a Moment of Silence in memory of Frank Keeghan, who served as the Town’s first Director of Parks and Recreation 1971-1995. He is survived by his wife Marie, daughter Kim, brother, former Police Chief Tom Keeghan and many nieces and nephews in the area. Additionally, Mr. Tesei thanked the Department of Public Works Highway Division and the supporting Parks & Recreation staff for effectively managing the weekend snowstorm.

   He commented that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to propose questions and make comments.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 1-14-2016 were moved for approval without objections by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **First Selectman's Update**
   a. Mr. Tesei remarked that he had attended the Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors meeting to acknowledge the extraordinary service by David Ormsby, Chair of the TNW SNF Board. Mr. Ormsby announced his resignation after serving twelve years on the Board, 10 years as Chairman. He was the leading force behind the successful completion of project renew and committed his personal time, wisdom and fundraising prowess to making Project Renew a reality. He added that Mr. Ormsby will forever be recognized as a legendary figure in the rebirth of TNW, wished him well and thank his wife for sharing so much of him with the Town.
   b. Mr. Tesei encouraged attendance at the Public Hearing on the 2016-2018 Town Budget on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room for the presentation of the Town Budget by the First Selectman and the Board of Education Budget by Dr. McKersie and Ms. Erickson, Chair of the Board of Education for review and action by the Board of Estimate and Taxation. He noted that it contains a modest 2.73% increase in the mill rate and addresses several of the Town’s obligations: Operating costs are within guideline, Fixed Costs inclusive of TNW, OPEB, PENSION, HEALTH CARE, & the Risk Fund. Through conservative budgeting practices, the Town is able to offset these increases in fixed costs through the use of fund balance and remain in compliance with outside auditor and rating agency standards for fund balance.
   c. He thanked Mr. Branyan for his initiative and all those involved in the Budget preparation process.

4. **Old Business**
   a. Board of Education – Request for Municipal Improvement – New Lebanon Elementary Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 28, 2016 - Approved
School – Option 3

Mr. Szczypek of the Tai Soo Kim Partners architectural firm made a PowerPoint presentation on how Option 3’s drawings for the New Lebanon Elementary School could meet the Selectmen’s specifications. Noting that Option 3 had been endorsed by the Building Committee and the Board of Education, he projected cost details, but added that the costs did not include the cost of temporary classroom spaces. He commented that the playing field adjacent to the school building was not part of the project. He remarked that the field did not meet the regulation size standard for a soccer field and recommended moving the batter-box to the opposite corner of the baseball field.

1) Mr. Tesei recognized members of the Board of Education, Building Committee, State Representative Bocchino in the audience. He asked for comments from Selectman Toner and Selectman Marzullo.

2) Mr. Toner made the observation that he was disappointed that Option 3 did not make better use of the upper plateau.

3) Mr. Marzullo asked the architect to explain the use of the Town road and right of way to which Mr. Szczypek responded that the plan allowed for use of the road as a driveway to the new school building’s kitchen, permit handicapped parking spaces with easy access to the gym and cafeteria and allow the Fire Marshall access for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Marzullo made the motion to discuss the Option 3 proposal, seconded by Mr. Toner at 10:45 A.M. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

4) The Floor was opened to Public Comment:

5) Mr. Nick Macri, a Byram resident, architect and alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, suggested that the Library parking lot could supplement the needs of the ballfield, construction site and school building.

6) Mr. Mathew Popp of 54 Mead Avenue, a Byram resident, Landscape Architect and Professional Wetland Scientist, commented on his disappointment in the under-utilization of the upper plateau. He read the following letter which had been sent to First Selectman Tesei asking that the Board of Selectmen to condition the acceptance of Option 3 as follows:

“As you noted in today’s Selectmen’s Meeting, below are the 4 conditions for the Option 3 development which I stated at the meeting.

a. Shift the new building as far north as possible to minimize disturbance to the Ravine

b. Remove the proposed 3rd “passing” traffic lane from the development proposal due to safety concerns and being out of character with the neighborhood.

c. Reduce the size of the proposed oversized bus loop from 8 buses to 4 buses to be more in character with the neighborhood.

d. Reduce the size of the proposed oversized parking lot by assuming that some of the existing parking spaces by the library will be used by the new school as they currently are today.”

6) Mr. Tesei responded that the Board of Selectmen could not condition plans but could accompany the transmittal with their comments.

7) Mr. Marzullo, as an Ex Officio member of the Building Committee, expressed thanks to all who had worked to provide the solution.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tesei, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the request for Municipal Improvement status for the Option 3 plan for the New Lebanon Elementary School.
5. New Business
   a. State Representative Fred Camillo of the 151st District requested the naming of the Cos Cob Park Athletic Field in memory of the late 36th State Senator and 151st District Representative, Emil “Bennie” Benvenuto.

   Representative Camillo suggested this tribute to commemorate Mr. Benvenuto leading the acquisition of the property from the State of Connecticut for $1.00. Mr. Sam Romeo, a longtime friend and resident of Cos Cob, supported the naming of the park ballfield for Mr. Benvenuto and encouraged passage of the motion as an honor to Mr. Benvenuto for his service to the community.

   Upon a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to name the Cos Cob ballfield in memory of Emil “Bennie” Benvenuto and would select a date for a formal event ceremony.

   b. Request for Temporary Road Closure – Cherry Valley Road

   Mr. Steve Jackson and Ms. Tracy Alston, speaking for Eversource, requested the closure on February 16th or 17th in order to facilitate relocation of wiring and cable. Eversource would reimburse the Town for the $747.00 cost for its material and assistance.

   Upon a motion by Mr. Tesei, seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the request.

   c. Approval of Harbor Management Commission Fiscal Budget for 2016-2017

   Mr. Mazza, Chairman of the Harbor Management Commission, presented the Commission’s budget to coincide with the annual Town budgeting cycle. The Selectmen questioned the Commission’s revenue sources, current reserve fund balance, and its plan of operations for 2016-2017.

   Upon a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the request and forward it to the BET for its consideration.

6. Appointments and Nominations

   Mr. Tesei proposed the following nominations:

   a. Nisha Hurst is nominated to the Nathaniel Witherell Board to succeed Dave Ormsby for a term ending March 31, 2018; moved by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo at 11:35 A.M. Vote unanimous.

   b. Karen Sadik-Kahn be re-nominated to the Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term ending March 31, 2019; moved by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo at 11:37 A.M. Vote unanimous.

   c. Louise Puschel be nominated to the Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term ending March 31, 2019; moved by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo at 11:38 A.M. Vote unanimous.

   d. William Ingraham, Jr. be re-nominated to the Harbor Management Commission for a term ending March 31, 2019; moved by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo at 11:44 A.M. Vote unanimous.

7. Executive Session

   Mr. Tesei asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending Workers Compensation Claims and litigation against the Town at 11:45 A.M. Moved by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote unanimous.

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Present in the Executive Session were: J. W. Fox, (Town Attorney), Aamina Ahmad (Assistant Town Attorney); Mary Pepe, Director of Human Resources, Erica Mahoney, Assistant Director of Human Resources, Tiffany Navarro, Workers Compensation Administrator

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:38 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote unanimous.

a. Settlement of Workers Compensation Claim # 0570303707 vs. Town of Greenwich Claim for $10,000.00.
   Upon a motion by Mr. Marzullo seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the settlement.

b. Settlement of Workers Compensation Claim # 0100966 vs. Town of Greenwich Claim for $43,509.17.
   Upon a motion by Mr. Marzullo seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the settlement.

c. Settlement of Workers Compensation Claim # 00619883 vs. Town of Greenwich Claim and Claim # 0035700 for $120,487.00.
   Upon a motion by Mr. Marzullo seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the settlement

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Motioned passed unanimously at 12:40 P.M.

Next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

[Signature]
Peter J. Tesel First Selectman

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Prepared by Catherine Sidor
Recording Secretary