

# Town of Greenwich

## Board of Selectmen

Meeting February 25, 2016

11:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

### MINUTES

#### 1. The meeting opened at 11:07 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 commenting 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. He noted that the meeting was beginning one hour later due to the storm which had caused road and school closures.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 2-11-2016 were moved for approval as presented by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen meeting held on 2-17-2016 were moved for approval as presented by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. First Selectman's Update

- a. The Budget Committee Departmental Review Hearings are under way with Decision Day scheduled for Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. The Departments of Public Works, Police and Fire were commended for their presentations explaining the importance of the initiative to increase staffing for the Fire Department and educating the Budget Committee on the importance of locating a fire station in northwest Greenwich. Their support lobbying for public safety was appreciated.
- b. Thanks were extended to Mr. Branyan, the Town Administrator, for assisting with the process of identifying a new Director of Purchasing and Administrative Services.
- c. A decision has been reached in search for an Executive Assistant for the First Selectman. A conditional offer has been extended and the process is being completed with a reference check.
- d. Ms. DeLuca, Town Planner; Amy Seibert, Commissioner of Public Works; Denise Savagneau, Conservation Director; and Bruce Spaman, Tree Warden, attended a CT Siting Council meeting with the First Selectman to present arguments to FEMA lobbying against the site selected for a Cos Cob power station. Each Department had thoroughly prepared presentations and proposed alternatives for consideration. Ms. Christine Edwards, RTM District 8 member, and Mr. Robert Morgan also attended and spoke in opposition to the Cos Cob location.
- e. The CT Siting Council hearing is scheduled to continue on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Outside counsel familiar with regulatory process and the impact of utility projects will attend the Hearing with the First Selectman.
- f. Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 P.M. Social Service Department's Director, Dr.

Barry, will be presenting a partnership project with Alan Mathes of the Liberation Program; the public is invited to attend and learn more about the scope of the problem of Heroin use. It was noted that the program, being presented by the Social Services Board, is an example of the Social Services Department outreach for expertise.

**New Lebanon School Project** - Selectman Marzullo, as an Ex Officio member of the New Lebanon School Building Committee, reported on a new project budget that had been presented which included cost projections for the modular classrooms, the Williams Street Ball Field upgrade and the new school building itself. He commented that the Building Committee had not yet had adequate time to examine the proposal.

**Harbor Commission** – Mr. Toner, as an Ex Officio member of the Harbor Commission, reported that the Commission’s Marine Regulation Sub-committee proposed an addendum to the Harbor Plan which would be a topic of further discussion.

#### **4. Old Business**

None

#### **5. New Business**

- a. A resident had requested a change in the road speed limit permitted on Riverside’s Indian Head Road. The First Selectman noted that this was a good example of interaction and response by Town departments with residents. Mr. James Michel, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, and Ms. Melissa Evans, Traffic Operations Coordinator, described how traffic counts were taken at different times of day over a 7 day period resulting in statistics showing that 85% of cars were traveling at between 30 – 33 MPH. It was recommended that 25 MPH Speed Limit signage be posted and that (2) School Bus Stop warning signs be installed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to approve the recommended change in Speed Limit and School Bus signage.

- b. Mr. Michel was commended for successfully pursuing a grant to improve roadway and traffic signage impacting air quality in Glenville and a second grant that would improve traffic flow in the Arch Street area.
- c. Norwalk’s CGA Senator Bob Duff congratulated the Town of Greenwich on the quality of its presentation to the Western CT Council of Governments for a Metropolitan Planning grant funding design improvements to be made to the I-95 Exit 3 corridor.
- d. A grant had been received for the YWCA’s domestic abuse services that would be used for roofing, HVAC and additional furnishings.
- e. The CT Housing Authority awarded a grant to the Greenwich Housing Authority for improvements to the Armstrong Court property. A site visit was made with HATG’s Director Anthony Johnson, in response to a tenant’s request for repairs related to mold in his home.

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#### **6. Appointments and Nominations**

The Selectmen reviewed the (11) eleven recent appointments. No new appointments or nominations were made.

#### **7. Executive Session**

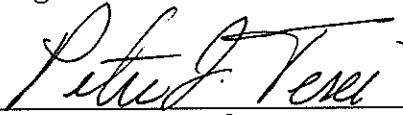
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None

**8. Adjournment**


Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Motion passed unanimously at 11:42 P.M.

Next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The Agenda will include a draft of the Policy being developed to address access to the Byram Pool; the policies of other communities were being reviewed by Greenwich's Law Department so that priority could be given to town residents.



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Peter J. Tesei First Selectman



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