

Town of Greenwich
Regular Meeting Board of Selectmen
February 28, 2019
10:00 A.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M.

- a. Attendance:
 - a. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
 - b. Selectman John Toner - Present
 - c. Selectman Sandy Litvack – Present

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Tesei called for a moment of silence in memory of former Board of Estimate and Taxation member Kathryn Guimard, who passed away from injuries suffered in a traffic accident in the Hartford area.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack, seconded by Mr. Toner, the minutes of the regular Jan.24, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Tesei said the month of February has been filled with numerous BET Budget Committee meetings reviewing the proposed 2019-20 budget. He has made 2 appearances before the committee on behalf of the proposed \$100K appropriation for the NW Fire/GEMS station. March 1 is the committee's decision day.

On Feb.22, he and Community Development Block Grant Administrator Tyler Fairbairn met with Congressman Jim Himes to review the Town's funding priorities on the federal level.

On Feb. 23, he attended the official ribbon cutting/open house of the new New Lebanon School.

On Feb. 26, Mr. Tesei attended meeting of the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center subcommittee of the Board of Parks & Recreation to further discuss and define community needs in a new civic center.

4. Old Business

- a. Readopt the Senior Tax Relief Ordinance – the Commission on Aging.

Commission on Aging member Kip Bergweger, Commission Chair Patricia Burns and Commission on Aging Executive Director Lori Contadino presented further changes to the ordinance as approved by the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The

changes were: adding homes held in trust; a change in the sunset date of the ordinance to five years or 2023; an update on income eligibility and an update to the CPI.

Mr. Litvack noted that with the changes, that it is incumbent upon the Commission to obtain data to determine whether the numbers contained in the ordinance are sufficient for residents.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tesei that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, ordinance was approved unanimously. It will now be on the April call of the RTM, Mr. Tesei said.

5. New Business

- a.** Harbor Management Commission budget presentation - Frank Mazza.

Mr. Mazza presented the proposed 2019-2020 budget of \$59,250. He said the Commission is being more aggressive this year with mooring applications and the budget also reflects an increase for temporary salaries. A discussion on budget balances and future projects followed.

- b.** Amendments to Traffic Ordinance for five (5) no parking zones – Fire Marshal Chris Pratico.

Mr. Pratico said that no parking fire lanes were in place on the following streets but not included in the Town's fire lane ordinance:

- West End Court
- Agnes Morley Heights driveway
- Entrance to Lafayette Court
- Riverside School driveway
- Old Greenwich Civic Center driveway.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

- c.** Sunshine Avenue detour – Jason Kaufman.

DPW Senior Civil Engineer Jason Kaufman presented the request for the detour with details on the project to replace the bridge on Sunshine Avenue over Binney Park Brook. The detour would be in effect from June 24, 2019 to August 26, 2019. He said there will be notifications sent to affected residents and that a website for the project is being developed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the detour was approved unanimously.

- d.** WITHDRAWN - Modification to the Code of Ethics – Town Attorney Wayne Fox.
- e.** Establishment of a 25 mph speed limit on Grigg Street – Melissa Evans.

Traffic Operations Coordinator Evans explained the request was made by a resident. The road is used as a cut-through by downtown motorists trying to avoid lower Greenwich Avenue congestion, Ms. Evans said. The speed limit also would need to be approved by the Connecticut Traffic Authority.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the speed limit was approved unanimously.

- f. Request to settle 200 Greenwich Avenue LLC v. Town of Greenwich – Assistant Town Attorney Eugene McLaughlin.

Following discussion in Executive Session, Mr. Toner made a motion to accept the settlement. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the settlement was approved unanimously.

- g. Request to settle 330 Railroad Avenue v. Town of Greenwich – Assistant Town Attorney Eugene McLaughlin.

Following discussion in Executive Session, Mr. Toner made a motion to accept the settlement. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the settlement was approved unanimously.

- h. Request to settle Greenwich Centre Limited Partnership v. Town of Greenwich – Assistant Town Attorney Eugene McLaughlin.

Following discussion in Executive Session, Mr. Toner made a motion to accept the settlement. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the settlement was approved unanimously.

- i. Reschedule June 13, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mr. Toner made a motion to reschedule the June 13, 2019 meeting to Friday, June 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. Upon a second by Mr. Tesei, the rescheduling was approved unanimously.

6. Appointments and Nominations.

- a. There was one renomination following an Executive Session to interview a candidate.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to renominate Lile Gibbons (R-5) as a member of the Harbor Management Commission for a term beginning upon appointment and expiring March 31, 2022.

Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the renomination was approved unanimously.

7. Executive session

- a.** Executive session to discuss pending litigation and settlement of claims, and to interview candidates for Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Toner made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

In attendance were Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, counsel David Cohen and David Ball, Deputy DPW Commissioner James Michel, Town Attorney Wayne Fox and Rachel Franco.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to exit the Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. It was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion to reenter Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. to continue discussion of pending litigation and settlement of claims and to interview candidates for Boards and Commissions. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack the motion was approved unanimously.

In attendance were Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, Cathy Steele, Lile Gibbons (via telephone), and Eugene McLaughlin.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to exit the Executive Session at 12:12 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

At 12:18 p.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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Recording Secretary