

# Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

Meeting March 11, 2016

12:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

## MINUTES

### **1. The meeting opened at 12:21 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 and the Chair reserves the right to call on people to pose questions and make comments on items on the agenda.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 2-25-2016 were moved for approval as presented by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. First Selectman's Update**

- a. A meeting was held with Representatives of the Greenwich League of Women to review highlights of their upcoming study of the RTM and discuss future events for the calendar year.
- b. Interviews of finalists for the Director of Purchasing and Administrative Services position took place. An offer was extended to the finalist and the references are being checked and a physical examination will follow to complete the hiring process.
- c. Mr. Branyan and Ms. Jones accompanied the First Selectman on a tour of the Central Fire House conducted by Mr. Monelli. Mr. Monelli pointed out the newest building standards, such as its ability to withstand seismic events. With an aggressive pace, the completion and occupancy of the building is anticipated to be on schedule despite the challenge of re-installing the limestone façade saved from the previous building. Thanks were extended to Mr. Monelli for the impressive building construction to date.
- d. A Public Hearing of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency was held to review a development application for the Post Road Iron Works property at 345 West Putnam Avenue. The application is proposing to build a 355-unit apartment complex. Those in attendance expressed concern about uses of the property and its environmental contamination as well as the impact of the size of the proposed new development.
- e. A meeting was held with Scot Weicker 2016 Greenwich Town Party (GTP) event planner, Carl Kuehner, Co- President and Michelle Houston on the status of this year Town Party.
- f. Mrs. Abbey Levy and Mrs. Alexandra Bernstein met with the First Selectman to acknowledge the proactive work the Town has done with organic turf management. They are very interested in sharing their knowledge about alternate

turf field materials. "Green Play" is just one naturally safe organic infill they would recommend we consider to meet this need.

- g. Ms. Barbara Heins has been selected as the new Executive Assistant to the First Selectman and will take up her new position on March 28, 2016.
- h. The Chair and Vice Chair of the RTM Appointments Committee, Mr. John Eddy and Mr. Stuart Reider, met to review the pending nominations and provide a copy of new information materials for the appointment process for Town Boards and Commissions.

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

None

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

- a. A Municipal Improvement Request for purchase of 4.14 acres at 1241 King Street for Northwest Greenwich Fire/GEMS Facility – Funds would be available in the FY2016-2017 Budget for the negotiation of the land purchase. The planned facility would have separate quarters for both Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The sequencing of all steps to be taken to formulate a proposal agreeable to all parties, the land acquisition approval, and MI status are being prepared.

Mr. Branyan suggested that today's presentation was considered to be a "first read" with the Board of Selectmen's March 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting date as the date when a vote on the MI status would take place. Since the project required subdivision approval, an action plan for building a \$6.29 million facility is being developed. The project would be discussed at March 17<sup>th</sup>'s scheduled Public Hearing, on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the BET Decision meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Selectmen's meeting and as a presentation to the RTM Budget Overview Committee at its March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. The final vote on the project is anticipated at the RTM meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Tesei commented that this project was one of the top three items on his CIP list and was happy it would be going forward. Mr. Monelli commented that the parcel was the best site viewed in the last four years and that it was 98% perfect based on the size of the plot for the building and the soil requirements for its septic system. Phase 1 and 2 soil testing had already been completed successfully.

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

Mr. Tesei proposed the following nominations:

- i. Bill Galvin to be re-nominated to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency With a term expiring 3/31/20 moved by Mr. Toner and seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote 3-0-0.
- ii. Jay Schondorf to be elevated from alternate to regular member of the Inland Wetlands & Inland Watercourses Agency for a term expiring 3/31/2020 moved by Mr. Marzullo and seconded by Mr. Toner. Vote 3-0-0.
- iii. Dennis Yeskey to be nominated as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Board for a term expiring 3/31/17 moved by Mr. Toner and seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote 3-0-0.

- iv. Dr. Elizabeth Siderides to be nominated as a regular member of The Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term expiring 3/31/19 moved by Mr. Toner and seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote 3-0-0.
- v. Cyndy Andersen to be appointed as a regular member of the Selectman's Nominating Advisory Committee for a term of ending – 6/30/18 moved by Mr. Toner and seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote 3-0-0.

## 7. Executive Session

Mr. Tesei motioned to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously at 1:06 P.M.

Present in Executive Session were: Attorney Heather Porter Pomerantz; Mary Pepe, Director, HR Department; Tiffany Navarro, HR Department Workers' Compensation Administrator; Peter Mynarski, Comptroller; Ben Branyan, Town Administrator

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 1:19 P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Vote unanimous.

- a. Full and Final Settlement of Workers Compensation Claim # 0570207659 vs. Town of Greenwich for \$882,482.00.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of the settlement. Vote unanimous.

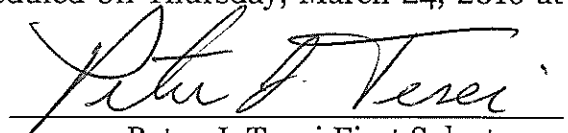
- b. Full and Final Settlement of Workers Compensation Claim #00058140, 00308627, 0074263 vs. Town of Greenwich for \$269,616.00.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of the settlement. Vote unanimous

## 8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Marzullo. Motion passed unanimously at 1:24 P.M.

Next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

  
Peter J. Tesei First Selectman

Prepared by Catherine Sidor  
Recording Secretary