

Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
March 25, 2021
10 a.m.
Via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m.

a. Attendance:

- a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
- b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
- c. Select-person Jill Oberlander – Present

2. Approval of Minutes

- a.** Board of Selectmen special meeting March 4, 2021.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- b.** Board of Selectmen regular meeting March 11, 2021.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- c.** Board of Selectmen special meeting March 11, 2021.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

- d.** Board of Selectmen special meeting March 15, 2021.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, the minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0-1. Ms. Oberlander, who was not present for the meeting, abstained.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Camillo provided updates on a variety of issues including the COVID-19 situation in Town; the Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink committee, and the I-95 committee with neighborhood organizations represented. He also asked for a

moment of silence in memory of Nancy Brown, the former long-time Community Development Block Grant administrator who passed away March 11.

4. Selectmen's Updates

Selectwoman Rabin and Selectperson Oberlander provided comments about reacting to local and national issues, and a tribute to Ms. Nancy Brown, respectively.

5. Old Business

- a. Request from The Greenwich Teen Center to co-sponsor an event with Neighbor to Neighbor, ending no later than April 30, 2021 – Town Administrator Ben Branyan.

Mr. Branyan, with Greenwich Teen Center Executive Director Kyle Silver and Neighbor to Neighbor Executive Director Margaret Goldberg explained the need for the extension of the arrangement, the need for the Teen Center to resume its operations, and the needs of Neighbor to Neighbor.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Oberlander seconded the motion and then made a motion to amend the request to change the end date to June 30, 2021.

Without a second, the motion to amend failed.

The vote on the original motion with an April 30, 2021 end date was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

- a. Central Greenwich Merchant Parking Permit program – Deputy Police Chief Mark Marino.

Deputy Chief Marino explained the program will advance and improve downtown parking and will mirror the recently approved downtown residential parking permit program. Annual permit cost \$726 plus \$5 administrative fee; maximum of 100 permits will be issued.

DC Marino said he would prefer a vote today as outdoor dining is beginning.

Mr. Camillo requested a motion to waive a second read on the proposal.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin, Mr. Camillo seconded the motion to waive the first and second reads.

Ms. Oberlander said she is concerned with the issue of transparency and wanted the public to have the opportunity to weigh in before a vote is taken. She stated she wanted the meeting minutes to reflect that.

Upon a motion by Ms. Oberlander and a second by Mr. Camillo, the board voted unanimously that the meeting minutes reflect her concerns.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, the merchant parking permit program was approved by a vote of 2-1-0. Ms. Oberlander voted nay.

- b. Proposed ordinance to create the Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund – Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Margarita Alban, Town Planner Katie DeLuca.

Ms. Alban and Ms. DeLuca provided an explanation of how the trust would be created to help develop more affordable housing in Town. They also explained the approval process which would begin with the Planning & Zoning Commission, then the Board of Selectmen with the plan to have a first read at the RTM June meeting.

Greenwich Communities Board Chairman Sam Romeo voiced his support of the proposal.

7. Adjournment

At 11:48 a.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary