

# Town of Greenwich

## Board of Selectmen

April 5, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

### APPROVED MINUTES

#### 1. The meeting opened at 10:05 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Following the Pledge, Mr. Tesei 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 ask questions and make comments.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2018 were moved for approval as amended by Mr. Litvack, seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Litvack and Mr. Tesei discussed the extensive details contained within the meeting minutes. It was suggested that future minutes reflect attendance, what votes were taken and vote tallies.

#### 3. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Mr. Tesei said a working group to review the Hillside Road traffic concerns has been formulated and will be led by Town Administrator Ben Branyan. The meetings will be open to the public.
- b. Mr. Tesei reported that on March 26, the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) held a marathon session and that on Tuesday, the Representative Town Meeting Government Services reviewed the budget with Town Administrator Branyan until 11 p.m.
- c. On April 2, Mr. Tesei swore in Greenwich Police recruit Steven Frano, a Town resident. Later that day, he spoke to 75 Cub Scouts about government, consensus and crime.
- d. Mr. Tesei said he met with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marcia O'Kane to discuss Mr. Litvack's idea to close a portion of Greenwich Avenue during spring and summer months to create a pedestrian walkway and encourage more patronage of local businesses.
- e. Upcoming events outlined by Mr. Tesei include the rededication of the Civil War Veterans Memorial in front of the Havemeyer Building, and an Earth Day celebration at Greenwich Library, both on April 7, as well as the Yom Hashoah program at Greenwich Reform Synagogue that will be attended by Mr. Litvack on April 11.
- f. Mr. Tesei also gave a shout out to a human resources employee for her work with the Board of Education, and birthday wishes to former Selectwoman

Penny Monahan.

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

##### **a. Approve RTM amendments of Sections 62 and 63 of the Charter.**

Mr. Tesei said these amendments were previously approved by the Selectmen and then forwarded to the RTM for approval. The RTM made two minor changes which now need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, explained Assistant Town Attorney Valerie Maze Keeney.

Mr. Toner made a motion to approve the changes. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

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

There was none.

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

- a. Mr. Toner nominated Alan Gunzberg as a regular member of the Board of Human Services for a term expiring June 30, 2021. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved unanimously.
- b. Mr. Toner nominated Natalie Queen as a regular member of the Board of Human Services for a term expiring June 30, 2021. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved unanimously.
- c. Mr. Toner nominated Jeffrey Medina as a regular member of the Board of Human Services for a term expiring June 30, 2021. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Litvack commented that during a presentation by The Nathaniel Witherell Board at the last Selectmen's meeting that he was appalled that the Board did not know of their fiduciary responsibilities.

- d. Mr. Tesei nominated Kirk Schubert as a regular member of the Board of Parks & Recreation for a term expiring June 30, 2021. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved unanimously.
- e. Mr. Toner nominated Richard Loh as a regular member of the Board of Parks & Recreation for a term expiring June 30, 2021. Following a second by Mr. Litvack, the nomination was approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Toner motioned to enter into executive session at 10:53 A.M., seconded by Mr. Litvack, for the purposes of discussing pending litigation and settlement of claims. The Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Assistant Town Attorneys Aamina Ahmad, Valerie Maze Keeney and Eugene McLaughlin; and

Recording Secretary Barbara Heins.

Mr. Litvack moved to exit Executive Session at 12:02 P.M. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6029170S - Parcel No. 09-2917/S for a tax credit of \$5,426. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6029174S - Parcel No. 04-2092/S for a tax credit of \$4,528. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6029169S - Parcel No. 11-1750 for a tax credit of \$20,423. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6029172S - Parcel No. 10-3074 for a tax credit of \$7,401. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6036187S - Parcel No. 08A-1917 for a tax credit of \$12,396. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. HHB CV 16-6036190S - Parcel No. 10-2257 for a tax credit of \$13,430. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. FST CV 16-6028944S - Parcel No. 10-1269 for a tax credit of \$32,924. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 8. Adjournment

Mr. Litvack motioned to adjourn at 12:07 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

  
Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

  
Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,  
Recording Secretary