Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 6, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. **The meeting opened at 10:09 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.**
   a. Attendance:
      i. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei – Present
      ii. Selectman John F. Toner – Present
      iii. Selectman Drew Marzullo – Present

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   a. Minutes of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 3-12-2015 were reviewed and approved as presented without objection.

3. **First Selectman’s Update**
   a. The Town has continued the process of identifying a successor to John Crary, the Town Administrator. At this point, candidates have undergone two rounds of interviews, and two finalists have been identified from the original pool of 7 qualified candidates. The interview panel includes several Town department heads and members of the community: Amy Siebert, Commissioner of Public Works; Al Cava, Director of Labor Relations; Mary Pepe, Human Resources Director; David Detjen, Chair of the RTM Labor Contracts Committee; Jara Burnett, former Greenwich LWV President, State LWV President, and 10-year member of the BET; and Russell Reynolds Jr., a pillar of the recruiting industry who also served on First Selectman Lash’s interview panel when Mr. Crary was hired.
   b. Cos Cob Park opened on March 26, 2015, and has been receiving positive reviews and comments from the Community.
   c. Eversource Energy is in the municipal-consult phase of their project to open a new substation on Railroad Avenue in Greenwich. The materials that have been collected by the Town’s Planning and Zoning Commission, including public commentary on the project, are being sent to the Connecticut Siting Council for their official record and review.
   d. On March 30, there was a swearing-in ceremony for 3 new Greenwich Police Officers: Sebastian Arenas, Justin R. Quagliani, and Max T. Rinaldi.
   e. The Selectmen’s Nominations Advisory Committee is holding a workshop for members of the Town’s various boards, agencies, and commissions on April 8. The purpose of the workshop is to educate the appointing boards about Freedom of Information, how to manage town personnel, and to keep apprised of Town issues that relate to the workings of their departments.
   f. The First Selectman’s Youth Commission met on March 29. One issue that was discussed was the desire to have Garden Catering at the Cardinal Cafe. Also addressed was the Safe Rides Program.
   g. Selectman John Toner discussed the Community Service Awards for Greenwich Public Schools. Student representatives from the Town’s 11 primary schools, 3 middle schools, and 5 houses at Greenwich High School
were present. Each of the schools asked one individual student to receive an award on behalf of the entire school. It was an inspirational evening honoring amazing children.

4. Old Business
   a. Reconfirming Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding Between Connecticut Department of Emergency services and Public Protection DEMHS 2013 Grant Award Period
      i. Dan Warzoha, Emergency Management Director, has stated in the past that the purpose of this grant is to provide a coordinated and integrated program of emergency management and homeland security. Greenwich is part of Region 1, and Region 1 communities have the highest threat risk in Connecticut. The Town of Greenwich has received equipment and training through these grants.
      ii. The fiduciaries for the region are changing. Starting with the 2014 grant program, the City of Stamford is taking over for the City of Bridgeport.
      iii. Mr. Warzoha is here today to reaffirm that the Board of Selectmen is still in favor of this grant opportunity for the 2013 program year.
      iv. John Toner motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the Town to participate in this grant program opportunity. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:40 a.m.

5. New Business
   a. Acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding Between Connecticut Department of Emergency services and Public Protection DEMHS 2014 Grant Award Period
      i. Same as in Old Business above, but for the 2014 program year.
      ii. John Toner motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the Town to participate in this grant program opportunity. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:42 a.m.
   b. Town Clerk – Request to Empower Carmella Budkins to Execute a Grant from the Connecticut State Library for the Preservation of Historic Documents
      i. Town Clerk, Carmella Budkins, has asked to be empowered to execute, deliver, and apply for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant from the Connecticut State Library.
      ii. Assistant Town Clerk, Kimberley Jordan, was present at the meeting.
      iii. John Toner motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:42 a.m.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were no appointments or nominations before the Board of Selectmen.

7. Executive Session

Drew Marzullo motioned to enter into executive session to discuss three matters of pending litigation against the Town, as well as a pending tax appeal. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:44 a.m.
Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox (Town Attorney), Gene McLaughlin (Assistant Town Attorney), Aamina Ahmad (Assistant Town Attorney), Abby Wadler (Assistant Town Attorney), John Crary (Town Administrator), and Michael Rosen (Executive Assistant to the First Selectman).

John Toner motioned to enter into public session at 11:57 a.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Tesei motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 14-6026998, *Michael G. Judice v. Town of Greenwich*, as presented, with a credit of $1,412 to be applied against future tax payments. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:58 a.m.

On advice of counsel, Peter Tesei motioned to grant authority to the Town Attorney to settle the case of *State Farm v. Town of Greenwich and Michael Carter* for $12,394.21. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:59 a.m.

On advice of counsel, John Toner motioned to grant authority to the Town Attorney to settle the case of *CL&P v. Town of Greenwich and Michael Carter* for $6,581.05. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:59 a.m.

On advice of counsel, Drew Marzullo motioned to reject the proposed settlement of *Whitnum v. Town of Greenwich* in the amount of $11,000. John Toner seconded. Peter Tesei abstained because he is named as a party in the case. The motion passed 2-0-1 at 12:00 p.m.

John Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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*Peter J. Tesei*
First Selectman

*Michael Rosen*
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