

Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 8, 2021
10 a.m.
Via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 regular meeting March 25, 2021.

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

3. First Selectman’s Updates

Mr. Camillo provided updates on a variety of issues including the COVID-19 situation in Town; the installation of a plaque at Greenwich Communities Armstrong Court; pending legislation in Hartford; summer events; a meeting with Conn DOT and neighborhood stakeholders for the pending I-95 rehabilitation.

4. Selectmen’s Updates

Selectwoman Rabin provided updates on various committees she is involved with including the Glenville green scape and Re-Imagine Greenwich and Selectperson Oberlander provided updates on the committees she is involved with including the Sustainability Committee, Earth Day and Earth Week activities; and discussed how words and respectful dialog matter.

5. Old Business

- a. Update from Neighbor to Neighbor regarding co-sponsoring an event with the Greenwich Teen Center, ending no later than April 30, 2021 – Margaret Goldberg, Neighbor to Neighbor executive director.

At the request of Select-person Oberlander, Ms. Goldberg provided an update on the unsuccessful search for an alternative temporary facility and the desire to extend the lease beyond April 30. Ms. Oberlander said she is seeking a 4 to 6-week extension.

Mr. Camillo said the Town continues to work on identifying alternative locations.

Arch Street Executive Director Kyle Silver said up to 3 months is needed to prepare the facility to reopen by September.

Ms. Oberlander requested that this item be placed on the April 22 Selectmen's agenda for a status update.

Ms. Icy Frantz, Arch Street board president, also spoke in support of resuming the center's operations.

6. New Business

- a.** Greenwich Police Emerald Society request for a road closure – Captain Jim Bonney and retired Lt. Tom Keegan.

Capt. Bonney explained this is the parade that could not be held last September because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The parade would honor hospital and ambulance personnel and first responders, as well as mark the Greenwich Police Department's 125th anniversary.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin, which was amended by Ms. Oberlander to reflect that the road closure will be rescinded if the event needs to be cancelled, the road closure was approved unanimously.

- b.** Request for Davis Avenue road closure – Jason Kaufman, DPW senior civil engineer.

Mr. Kaufman provided background on the project, the replacement of the Davis Avenue bridge in Bruce Park. The road closure would be in effect from May 1 to September 1 for the bridge replacement.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the road closure was approved unanimously.

- c.** Set a date for a public forum to discuss outdoor dining, parking and general enhancement of Old Greenwich business district – First Selectman Fred Camillo.

The Board agreed to hold the forum at 9 a.m. Monday, April 26, 2021, via Zoom.

- d. Discuss possible amendment to local ordinance regarding the admittance of dogs to Town beaches – First Selectman Fred Camillo.

Mr. Camillo said he has received numerous requests to extend the dog season at Greenwich Point Park. Currently it is November 1 to March 31. He said most shoreline towns have six-month dog seasons as opposed to the four-month season that Greenwich allows. Some towns follow the boating season of November 15 to April 15.

Both Ms. Rabin and Ms. Oberlander agreed the topic is worthy of continued discussion and public input.

7. Adjournment

At 12:05 p.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