

Town of Greenwich

Meeting Board of Selectmen

April 11, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

2. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 A.M.

a. Attendance:

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

Mr. Tesei stated that this was a public meeting, not a public hearing and that the Chair reserves the right to call upon residents to comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on Feb. 28, 2019.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the minutes were approved unanimously.

b. Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on March 4, 2019

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Tesei said spoke to about 30 members of the Greenwich Rotary at a luncheon April 3.

On April 8, he made a presentation to the RTM on the proposed Northwest Station. He thanked professional staff and members of RTM District 10 for the work.

On April 9, he and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz hosted a Census 2020 informational meeting for various stakeholders in Town including many nonprofit agencies. Reminders to residents to participate in the Census will be included in tax bills.

Mr. Tesei also spoke of the double school bus crash on King Street April 9. He said the incident and subsequent closing of the road snarled traffic and raised the issue of how to get emergency personnel to an incident in the Northwest corner when traffic is impassable. He also praised the Good Samaritans from Brunswick School who rushed to the aid of the 10 people injured.

4. Old Business

- a. Response from the Town Attorney addressing legal questions of approved motion passed at 03/28/19 Board of Selectmen meeting as related to individual right to privacy in public buildings along with operational procedures and access to Greenwich Community Television equipment.

Mr. Tesei said that at the last meeting, the Board voted to ask the Town Attorney to address certain legalities regarding photos taken in Town Hall; to research what improvements/safeguards may be explored so that the situation does not occur again, and that there was Mr. Litvack's request for an investigation. He also said there were two complaints that are now being investigated by the police department. For the record, Mr. Tesei read Mr. Litvack's email request and that of Melissa Evans.

There was discussion on whether the actual discussion should be held in Executive Session. Mr. Fox cited various sections of the Connecticut General Statutes CGS concerning issues that may be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Fox referred to the memo he provided to the Board regarding state statutes and the right to privacy.

Further discussion by Mr. Tesei, Mr. Fox, Mr. Litvack centered on whether there were audio recordings; whether a photo was taken and whether the Board of Selectmen authorized a photo to be taken. There also was discussion on: whether the Board of Selectmen could investigate; the proposed allocation in the FY 19/20 budget to replace GCTV equipment; future notification of people that they are being recorded by GCTV equipment; whether Town property was improperly used; Mr. Litvack's proposal to appoint a 3-person committee to investigate the photograph incident.

Mr. Litvack made a motion to appoint a three-member committee including the Town Attorney to investigate the photo incident. There was not a second.

Ms. Joanna Swomley asked if the Board would want to know who took the photo.

There was further discussion on whether the Board should review the situation and the process of operating GCTV equipment. It was agreed that a three-member committee including Town Attorney Fox, GCTV representative Horst Tebbe and a third member to review the issue and make recommendations.

5. New Business

There was none.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were no nominations made following candidate interviews conducted in

Executive Session.

7. Executive Session

- a.** Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and settlement of claims, and to interview candidates for boards and commissions.

At 11:12 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to enter Executive Session. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

In attendance, Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, Valerie Stauffer, Steve Katz, Louise Puschel and Larry Simon.

At 12:17 p.m., Mr. Litvack made a motion to exit Executive Session. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, Mr. Tesei made a motion to schedule a special meeting for April 17, 2019 for the purpose of interviewing and nominating candidates for boards and commission. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

At 12:46 p.m., Mr. Litvack made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary