

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

Special Meeting April 13, 2017

12:00 P.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 12:16 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Attendance:

- I. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
- II. Selectman John Toner - Present
- III. Selectman Drew Marzullo – Present

The First Selectman greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and said he reserved the right to call on people to propose questions and make comments.

2. New Business

a. Closure of River Road Extension

Mr. Tesei explained that the Board of Selectmen is the parking and traffic authority and must approve requests for road closures. A presentation was made by Eversource Community Relations Specialist Tracey Alston regarding the request to close portions of River Road Extension to accommodate the emergency removal of a power transformer and installation of a replacement transformer. She said the work must be completed by June 1 in order to address summer peak power demands. The work is scheduled to be completed by May 27, 2017.

Department of Public Works Traffic Operations Supervisor Melissa Evans said while River Road Extension is a very small road, it has very intensive traffic flows. It is anticipated that there will be full road closures for thru-traffic for the breakdown of the old transformer from April 24 through April 26. Fluids from that transformer would be drained and the new transformer delivered around May 4. Selectman Marzullo asked whether something happened to the current transformer. Ms. Alston explained that the transformer had twice the number of failure instances and that with age, it will not be resilient during the upcoming peak summer season.

Ms. Alston explained that a customer service representative will be visiting each local business to accommodate concerns and traffic access and also will be on site for the duration of the project.

Mr. Tesei noted that there will be detour routes posted for the area.

Mr. Toner questioned whether there would be access for emergency vehicles, especially with Greenwich Adult Day Care next to the transformer site.

Ms. Evans explained that approval for the road closures require detailed detour plans, signage, coordination with the Board of Education to determine whether there is an impact upon school bus routes and whether there will be noise variance permits required.

Domenick DelFino, owner of Joey B's, asked for signs to be posted informing motorists that local businesses are open. He also commented that the work should


have been done during January or February instead of the spring and asked whether the work could be performed during nighttime hours. He also asked whether any power outages were planned during the project. Ms. Alston said there was not.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to approve the road closure contingent upon approval of the detour plan by the Traffic Operations Supervisor, as well as approval of alternate bus routes by the Greenwich Police Department and Traffic Operations Supervisor, as well as a noise ordinance variance and highway permit. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 1:01 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 27, 2017, in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



Peter J. Tesei First Selectman



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Recording Secretary