

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

April 26, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:00 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 April 5, 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 he and Mr. Toner attended the April 7 rededication of the Civil War Veterans Memorial in front of the Havemeyer Building with the planting of a white oak tree which replaced the original tree planted more than 100 years ago. That tree died last year.
- b. On April 11, Mr. Litvack attended the UJA-JCC Greenwich annual Holocaust Remembrance Day at the Greenwich Reform Synagogue. Mr. Litvack said the the program was a moving, meaningful and important reminder of history.
- c. Mr. Tesei reported that on April 18 the organizational meeting of the Community Development Advisory Committee was held under the leadership of Chairman Alexis Voulgaris.
- d. On April 21, Mr. Tesei received the Chief's Award from the Cos Cob Fire Police Patrol at its 5th annual awards benefit.
- e. On April 22, Mr. Tesei attended the 70th anniversary celebration of the UJA-JCC Greenwich Israeli Independence Day at Carmel Academy.
- f. On April 24, Mr. Tesei attended the League of Women Voters economic development forum which also was broadcast on Channel 79.
- g. On April 25, Mr. Tesei was the guest speaker at the Retired Men's Association weekly forum. He also attended the 60th annual Daffodil Show at Christ Church Greenwich.

- h. Among the upcoming events are the Greenwich Lions annual John A. Clarke Award at the Hyatt today; presentation of the Arbor Day proclamation and announcement that Greenwich has been designated as a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation; the Audubon Connecticut environmental leadership awards dinner tonight at Belle Haven Club, honoring Ted Gilman and Holt Thrasher. Also, on Thursday, the Rotary Club of Greenwich is honoring Kids in Crisis Exec. Director Shari Shapiro and Greenwich Point Conservancy President Chris Franco with its 2018 Citizens of the Year Award tonight at the Round Hill Club, and the Greenwich Citizens Police Academy is holding its biannual reunion tonight at the Tamarack Country Club.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

- a. Road Closure request from Byram Veterans Association.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tesei, seconded by Mr. Litvack, the Board unanimously approved the closure of Veterans Way from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 27 for the annual parade and block party.

- b. Resumption of Assessor property revaluation inspections – Assessor Lauren Elliott.

Ms. Elliott explained the Town is required to conduct property revaluation every five years. The Town has staff and outside consultants who will resume the reval this spring, summer and fall with the goal of completing reviews of one-third of the Town's property inventory each year for a total of three years. Each appraiser will have Town identification with business cards, with Town appraisers driving Town vehicles.

- c. Revisions to Alarm Appeals Board to expand membership roster – Richard Shapiro, RTM Appointments Committee.

Mr. Shapiro, a member of the Representative Town Meeting and the Selectmen's Nomination Advisory Committee explained the history of a need to add an alternate member to the Alarm Appeals Board so that the Board will be better able to have a quorum for its meetings. Currently, the Board is comprised of five members and no alternates.

Mr. Litvack made the motion to create an alternate member position to the Board. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Schedule Special Meeting for purpose of Executive Session to interview candidates for nomination to Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Litvack said that he requests that Selectmen's Nomination Advisory Committee (SNAC) representatives attend the meeting to explain their recruiting and recommendation process as he noted the list of nominees is

overwhelmingly male and lacks diversity. Mr. Toner, the Selectmen's SNAC liaison, noted that six SNAC members are women.

Mr. Tesei requested that SNAC chair Caralyn Stevens and SNAC Board of Selectmen liaison Peter Crumbine attend the special meeting and that the Board would then hold an Executive Session for the candidate interviews.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the Board unanimously agreed to hold the special meeting at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3 in a room to be determined.

The Board also entertained a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to reschedule the June 14 Selectmen's meeting to 10 a.m. Friday, June 15. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Tesei made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:42 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 Valerie Maze Keeney, Eugene McLaughlin; Human Resources Director Mary Pepe, Workers Compensation Administrator Tiffany Navarro, attorney Heather Porto, Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, and Board of Education Chair Peter Bernstein (via telephone).

Mr. Litvack moved to exit Executive Session at 11:25 A.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 claim numbers 0061763 and 0115747, for a total of \$25,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle claim numbers 00400548 and 120113282, for a total of \$250,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to settle Docket No. HHB CV 16-6036236S - Parcel No. 11-1616 for a tax credit of \$8,025. The motion was approved unanimously.


Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to settle

Edmund Schwesinger Jr. v. Daniel Hendrie and Town of Greenwich for \$45,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Litvack motioned to adjourn at 11:29 A.M.; seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

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


Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman


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Recording Secretary