

Town of Greenwich

Meeting Board of Selectmen

May 9, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 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 April 11, 2019

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner and a second by Mr. Litvack, the minutes were approved as amended. The vote was unanimous.

b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on April 25, 2019

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack and a second by Mr. Toner, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

On April 27, Mr. Tesei attended the American Red Cross Red & White Ball – A Salute to Service and Valor at the NetJets hangar at Westchester Airport and the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra's annual Symphony Swing gala where Gale and Bob Lawrence were honored for the support of the symphony.

On April 28, there was the Greenwich Historical Society celebration of Greenwich Landmarks. Town Hall, which was the former high school built for about \$1 million, and the World War I obelisk on Greenwich Avenue were recognized.

On April 29, The Greenwich Historical Society kicked off Greenwich Preservation Month with its "This Place Matters" program here at Town Hall.

On May 1, the UJA-JCC Greenwich 37th annual Yom Hashoah Commemoration

was held at Temple Sholom. Selectman Litvack attended as Mr. Tesei was participating in the Town of Greenwich MAT proclamation presentation which was the official kickoff of a specialized training program for doctors affiliated with Greenwich Hospital – Yale New Haven Health. It will enable physicians to learn more about early signs/symptoms of breast and ovarian cancers. Program organized by Greenwich resident Kaile Zagger who lost her mother Marilyn Ann Trahan to ovarian cancer 20 years ago. The MAT program is named in Marilyn’s honor.

On May 2, there was the National Day of Prayer service here in the Town Hall Meeting Room as well as a meeting of the Greenwich Veterans Council.

On May 3, Mr. Tesei met with a group of 25 prominent artists from China who are affiliated with the North American Chinese Cultural Foundation. The artists donated several pieces of their artwork. The Town will be working with local arts organizations to determine how best to display the artwork.

On May 5, the Celebrate Israel Day was held with a flag-raising at Town Hall.

On May 7, Mr. Tesei held the bi-monthly First Selectman’s Staff Meeting which included a review of the budget process and Human Resources Director Mary Pepe outlining new workplace safety rules. There also was the annual Distinguished Teachers Awards ceremony honoring Sean Harriman, Crystal Kitselman, Kate Miserocchi, Megan Ostruzka, Chris Anne Powers and Karrie Vale. And the Greenwich Police Department hosted a House of Worship Security Preparedness Summit that drew more than 60 attendees.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

- a.** Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals – Community Development and Grant Director Tyler Fairbairn.

Mr. Fairbairn explained the program allows businesses to make cash donations to nonprofits for various projects in return for tax credits. In response to a question by Mr. Litvack, Mr. Fairbairn explained that many organizations, their primary cost is staffing because of the services provided to clients. There are seven proposals for the program. A public hearing was commenced at 10:38 a.m. No member of the public was in attendance to speak on the proposals.

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

- b. Change starting time of May 23, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board unanimously approved changing the meeting start time to 2 p.m. May 23.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There weren't any nominations made following the candidate interview 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 10:48 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to enter Executive Session. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

Also in attendance, Recording Secretary Barbara Heins and Pastor Carol Bloom.

At 11:28 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to exit Executive Session. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary