

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

May 10, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:07 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. He also said that the Board would be holding a public hearing on the Neighborhood Assistance Act program proposals.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on April 26, 2018 were moved for approval by Mr. Litvack, and seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting held on May 3, 2018 were moved for approval by Mr. Litvack, and seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Mr. Tesei said all three Selectmen attended the April 27 Standing room only for the annual Stand Against Racism program organized by the YWCA – an event that was very well attended.
- b. On April 29, he attended the Greenwich Historical Society's Landmark Plaques ceremony which recognized several buildings and homes with historic significance. The guest speaker was Greenwich resident Anthony Malkin, who is CEO & Chairman of the Empire State Realty Trust which recently completed a two-year historic renovation of the Empire State Building.
- c. On May 1, Mr. Tesei attended the Distinguished Teachers Awards held at GHS Performing Arts Center. They were given to Megan White, Eleanor Ritch, Frank Kovac, Michele Giorlando DeRosa, Lisa Giometti and Karen Ball.
- d. On May 3, the annual Art to the Avenue opened. It is an opportunity until end of the month to view artwork of more than 100 artists that is on display throughout the downtown business district.
- e. On Monday (May 7), the First Selectman's Disability Advisory Committee held a meeting with several department heads to develop a continuing

dialogue about access to facilities for people with disabilities when considering various projects around Town.

- f. On Tuesday (May 8), the First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee met to finalize details of its annual essay contest that will be held on May 15. The Committee also is finalizing a resource guide for immigrants which was developed following a panel discussion on immigration issues a few months ago. The guide will be published in multiple languages and also be available online.
- g. On Wednesday (May 9), the First Selectman's Economic Advisory Committee met. Among discussion items were the attendance by Mr. Tesei, Committee Chair Jim Aiello and Community Development/Grants Administrator Tyler Fairbairn at the May 3 DeLoitte Greenhouse Lab in New York City. They and representatives from Stamford, Norwalk, Westport and Fairfield participated in a daylong program to develop collaborative business development strategies.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

- a. Open public hearing on CT Neighborhood Assistance Act Grant Program Proposals – Tyler Fairbairn.

At 10:22 a.m., Mr. Tesei opened the public hearing. Mr. Fairbairn explained that this is a state program allowing tax credits for businesses that perform projects for local programs. The Town is acting as a liaison with the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services for the funding. He also explained that once the Board of Selectmen approve the project roster, it is forwarded to the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) for approval. The project applications must be submitted to the state by July 1, with funding decisions announced by the State in December.

Mr. Tesei said that if there weren't any public comments that the public hearing would be closed.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the hearing closure was unanimously approved.

- b. Approval of the CT Neighborhood Assistance Act Grant Program Proposals.

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

Mr. Toner then took a few moments to update the Board about activities he attended. Among them, the 60th anniversary of the Greenwich Symphony Orchestra on April 28 where GSO President Mary Radcliffe was honored for her

six decades of service to the organization. He also participated in the April 29 Greenwich Clean & Green program. Mr. Toner also noted that a draft report on the Age Friendly Greenwich survey has been prepared by Columbia University. While the survey will not close until May 15, so far 2,200 people have completed the survey – well beyond the 500 responses necessary to complete the survey. Mr. Toner provided copies of the draft report and said that Town Planner Katie DeLuca agreed to incorporate survey data in the upcoming 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Toner also reported that at the latest New Lebanon School Building Committee meeting, it was reported that there will be the topping out of the new school on June 8 and that the project is on schedule for completion on Dec. 24.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There was a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to move into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for The Nathaniel Witherell Board. The motion was approved unanimously and the Board went into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

There was a motion at 10:59 a.m. by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner to leave the Executive Session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to nominate Joan A. Merrill as a regular member of The Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term expiring June 30, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to renominate Nisha Hurst as a regular member of The Nathaniel Witherell Board for a term expiring June 30, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Tesei to nominate Nancy Chapin as a regular member of the Board of Parks & Recreation for a term expiring June 30, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tesei made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to nominate Meg Nolan Van Reesema as a regular member of the Board of Parks & Recreation for a term expiring June 30, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tesei made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to nominate Dr. Andrew Bronin as a regular member of the Board of Parks & Recreation for an interim term expiring June 30, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tesei made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to nominate Maryann Ramos as a regular member of the Board of Health for a term expiring June 30, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tesei made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to renominate Robert Carangelo as a regular member of the Board of Health for a term expiring June 30, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Tesei to renominate John Margenot as a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring June 30, 2021. The motion was approved 2-1-0, with Mr. Litvack dissenting.

There was discussion by the Board with Town Attorney J. Wayne Fox on the status of changing procedures to file complaints with the Board of Ethics. Mr. Tesei noted that Mr. deBary has made progress over the last two years to codify procedures.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Tesei to renominate Paul deBary as a regular member of the Board of Ethics for a term expiring June 30, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Litvack made a motion to enter into executive session at 10:42 A.M., seconded by Mr. Litvack, for the purposes of discussing pending litigation. The Board voted 3-0 in favor at 11:45 a.m.

Also present in Executive Session were J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney, and Recording Secretary Barbara Heins.

Mr. Litvack moved to exit Executive Session at 11:48 A.M. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 11:48 A.M. Following a second 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 24, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman



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Recording Secretary