

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

Meeting May 26, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:13 A.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 who reserve the right to call on people to propose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 5-12-2016 were moved for approval as amended by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen meeting held on 5-20-2016 were moved for approval as amended by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Update

Mr. Tesei introduced Rintaro Inoue, a Greenwich High School senior, who is performing his internship with the Office of the First Selectman. Mr. Tesei praised his work in creating organizational templates, assisting with translation during a visit by a group of Greenwich Japanese School students and helping with the Six Sigma project.

- a. With the upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend, Mr. Tesei outlined several of the events – all of which are open to the public.
- b. Mr. Tesei reported that he attended the memorial service for the former Greenwich Parks & Recreation Director Frank Keegan who passed away Jan. 27. Organized by his daughter Kim, it was held at the Eastern Greenwich Civic Center on May 14. Among the attendees were Mr. Keegan's brother, retired Greenwich Police Chief Thomas Keegan and his nephew, retired GPD Lt. Tom Keegan.
- c. Mr. Tesei, along with Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Congressman Jim Himes, attended the Israel Independence Day celebration and flag raising at Town Hall that was organized by the UJC on May 15. He also attended the Riverside Yacht Club commissioning, one of several planned in town to mark the start of the boating season.
- d. On May 16, The First Selectman's Community Diversity Advisory Committee held its awards ceremony for its 7th annual Diversity essay contest at Greenwich Library.
- e. Another organizational meeting with representatives of various veterans groups

was held at the American Legion hall in Glenville on May 16. The group that includes Erf Porter, Peter LeBeau, state Rep. Livvy Floren and Executive Assistant Barbara Heins, is continuing its efforts to coordinate ombudsman services for veterans and announcement of the formal plans will be made soon.

- f. Also on May 16, Mr. Tesei met with representatives of Shatterproof including Howard Finkelstein – organization that supports families coping with the effects/impacts of drug addiction. They are looking to expand their efforts here in town and are planning a community event in the fall.
- g. May 17 was the 6th Annual Public Works Day that was held as part of National Public Works Week ... employees were able to take a lunch break and enjoy a cookout at Cos Cob Park.
- h. Also on May 17, the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards luncheon honoring local businesses, community volunteers, as well as Greenwich Police, Fire and EMS. And the Greenwich Girl Scouts held their annual Award Recognition Dinner where a proclamation was presented.
- i. On May 18, the Bennie Benvenuto Field at Cos Cob Park was dedicated to honor Greenwich's former state rep and senator who was the man responsible for the town purchasing the former Cos Cob Power Plant site for \$1 and helped to develop the vision for the waterfront park that opened last year.
- j. The third-grade class of the Greenwich Japanese School visited Greenwich Town Hall where they met with the First Selectman who talked about local government with translation assistance from Greenwich High School intern Rintaro Inoue.
- k. The First Selectman's Economic Advisory Committee hosted its second community forum on May 22. Larry Kudlow moderated the panel discussion on Connecticut's economic tsunami with Scott Frantz, Carol Platt Liebau and David Burke.
- l. On May 23, a proclamation for Safe Boating Week was presented to the representatives of the Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron which also will be presenting a Boating Safety Course on June 11. Selectman Marzullo also noted that the Fedorko family is grateful to Mr. Tesei and the community for the support of Em's Way, a foundation established in memory of Emily Fedorko that works to grow boating safety and education.

4. Old Business

- a. Old Barn – Adoption of the preservation restriction agreement between the Town of Greenwich and the state of Connecticut/State Historical Preservation Office regarding the Old Barn at Greenwich Point.

Mr. Tesei said that the project completed by the Greenwich Point Conservancy received grants without encumbrances and the agreement specifies that the agreement pertains only to the building, not the park. Mr. Toner made the motion to approve the agreement. It was seconded by Mr. Marzullo and approved by a 3-0-0 vote. The agreement now goes to the Representative Town Meeting at its June meeting.

5. New Business

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Tesei said there will be an nomination made for The Nathaniel Witherell Board, an alternate to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, as well as three nominations for the Historic District Commission. These nominations will be made in time for the September RTM meeting.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Marzullo motioned to enter into executive session at 10:42 A.M., seconded by Mr. Toner, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.


Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Assistant Town Attorney John Wetmore, Building Official Bill Marr and Executive Assistant to the First Selectman Barbara Heins.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 11:54 A.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, June, 9, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman



Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary