

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

Meeting June 9, 2017

11:00 AM.

Town Hall Meeting Room

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:17 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

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on May 30, 2017, were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Mr. Tesei attended the Coach's Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony for Terry Lowe on the anniversary of his 50th year as a Coach. He received thanks for his teaching, coaching and aquatics training from hundreds of his current and former students for imparting more than just the lessons.
- b. On Tuesday, June 5th, a staff meeting of all town departments was held.
 - i. IT Department reported that the Town's new website platform development was proceeding. All Departments are to be responsible for uploading their information and reviewing it for relevancy. The website IP address would be transferred from Greenwichct.org to Greenwichct.gov.
 - ii. Human Services Department – Dr. Barry reported working with the Agency's Commissioners on a presentation on exposure to opioid drugs. Youth Services were now fully integrated into the Department.
 - iii. A new name had been selected for the alternative High School which would now be known as Windrose High School.
 - iv. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses reported on ongoing remediation.
 - v. Registrar of Voters reported on preparation for November's election.
 - vi. New Lebanon School – due to the lack of passage of a State budget, the State's portion of reimbursement funding is still undecided so the Building Committee is waiting until reimbursement funding is approved.
 - vii. Western Middle School playing fields are anticipated to be remediated in time for the 2017-2018 school years.
 - viii. BoE anticipates enrolling 75-100 new students.
 - ix. Parks & Recreation Department reported that 36k applications and cards had been processed online during May, an increase from the previous month's 24k applications.
 - x. Police Department reported that Greenwich's 4 new recruits were beginning their training at the Police Academy.

- xi. Community Development Department – after 17 years with the department, Princess Erfe would be departing due to a move to New York State.
- xii. Commission on Aging reported that 65 volunteers had been trained and certified to work with people developing dementia.
- xiii. The Bruce Museum reported 30k visitors during the month of May.
- xiv. The Youth Commission - an appreciation event was held to thank the current leadership members who would be graduating from High School and going to college in the fall.
- xv. The Grace Notes celebrated the 50th anniversary of singing in senior homes, schools and public venues as volunteers.
- xvi. The Spirit of Hope award was given to Liberation, a recovery support group focused on addiction services offering treatment and intervention.
- xvii. Public Works, in partnership with the State, is proceeding with the Old Greenwich downtown Storm Drain project, installing pipes and repaving and re-marking the roads over the next 12 months. Additional Stormwater infrastructure improvement plans are now being implemented. The State has been working on I-95 resurfacing for 7.3 miles at the NY/CT state line and adding new illumination. Completion is expected in fall 2020.
- xviii. Greenwich High School seniors are graduating on June 20th at 6:30 P.M.

4. Old Business

On a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 to certify and validate the actions taken by the Board of Selectmen at its May 30, 2017 meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Greenwich Coffee & Cars relocation and expansion request – Mr. Sebastian Dostmann reported on SEBASS Events and Entertainment’s April 30th event was more successful than anticipated. Due to the number of spectators and participants, he requests permission to relocate and expand the event to a new block along Greenwich Avenue, from Elm Street to Havemeyer Place and the BoE Parking Lot. This would double the space of the next three planned events. Residents and St. Mary’s Church expressed concern about the impact of the event.

On a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 to approve the relocation and expansion request.

- b. Anderson Road closure and detour for construction of a new water pump station – Kovacs Construction Corp. described the installation of the piping that would require a closure of the road between June 20 and September 1. The project’s landscaping is anticipated to be done by the end of September. A Road Closure sign would be installed on Route 1 to alert traffic to the road closure and detour.

On a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 to approve the road closure request.

- c. Establish a 25 mph speed limit on Echo Lane – Traffic Operations Coordinator Melissa Evans explained that the residents of Echo Lane had requested a traffic study because the traffic flow was too fast for a location with no sidewalks near an Elementary & Middle School. Ms. Evans remarked that the traffic study proved the signage request as reasonable and necessary.

On a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 to approve the installation of signage as a 25-mph speed zone.

- d. An Ordinance Prohibiting Waste Associated with Natural Gas and Oil Extraction – Mr. Richard Margenot explained the request to prevent fracking waste seeping into Greenwich’s water supply. Because the CT State legislature did not pass HB6239 during its recent legislative session, Mr. Margenot suggested that the problem could be opposed at a municipal level through the Board of Selectmen and the RTM. The RTM had formed a Sub-Committee to study the potential environmental impact and present its findings at the RTM’s September meeting. Since the parameters of the issue were not in final form, the Board of Selectmen proposed that the Sense of the Meeting would be to request that departments be supportive of action to ban transport of fracking waste water and treatment plants in Greenwich until more information is available. It was also considered to be important to request that the Greenwich delegation show an interest in future anti-fracking treatment and transportation through CT at a State level.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Tesei asked for public assistance filling a Greenwich’s four representative positions on the Regional Cable TV Council. He provided the OFS telephone number to receive inquiries and nominations.

Mr. Tesei re-nominated Ms. Marie Williams to the Historic Commission for a term expiring 3/31/2022. The nomination was approved 3-0-0.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Toner motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:28P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: Town Attorney J. Wayne Fox and Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad to hear an update on pending litigation.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:45 P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

There was discussion of pending litigation in the Executive Session and no action was taken following that session.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:48 P.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 29, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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