Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 11, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:31 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
   a. Attendance:
      i. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei – Present
      ii. Selectman John F. Toner – Present
      iii. Selectman Drew Marzullo – Present

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 5-28-2015 were reviewed and approved as presented without objection.
   b. Minutes of Special Board of Selectmen meeting held on 6-5-2015 were reviewed and approved as presented without objection.

3. First Selectman’s Update
   a. The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) met on June 8, and at that meeting, they voted not to overturn the Planning and Zoning Commission’s Municipal Improvement request for the Greenwich Housing Authority to rebuild and renovate Armstrong Court. This action is a testament to the worthiness of the project, since the facility is currently on an at-risk list at the State level. If not renovated, it could jeopardize funding from the State.
   b. The Planning and Zoning Commission acted favorably on changes to regulations that will allow for moderate income dwelling units to be created throughout designated zones, primarily through transit corridors. The First Selectman applauded Mary Ellen LeBien and the Commission for their work.
   c. The First Selectman attended the AVID end of the year celebration on June 3. AVID is a program started by the Greenwich Alliance for Education to help students whose parents did not attend college succeed and attend college. The program has grown exponentially over the last few years and is a great example of how private and public sectors can work together to provide opportunities that may not have been available otherwise to a group of students.
   d. The first annual Greenwich International Film Festival opening night took place June 5. This event brought positive attention to the community and helped spread recognition about Greenwich as a cultural and artistic center. The First Selectman applauded the founders, and mentioned that they would like to hold this event again next year.
   e. On June 10, there was a recognition ceremony for Stuart Adelberg, who was president and CEO of the United Way of Greenwich and did great work identifying and solving the needs of the community. Mr. Adelberg is now retiring to head up the Habitat for Humanity.
   f. On June 2 the fourth and final meeting of the Fire Services Panel was held with members of the Board of Estimation and Taxation (BET), the Fire Department, the Volunteer Fire Department, heads of the Fire union, RTM
representatives, and former First Selectman Jim Lash to discuss the Northwest Fire Station and increased staffing. It was a more informal setting to converse with the BET and clarify certain positions on what has been accomplished in the last ten years and what still needs to be done. There was excellent dialogue and feedback that will be assimilated along with information that is not currently available and will be brought forth as a request for the 2016-2017 budget.

g. There was an Eversource Energy meeting on June 9 to update on the Central Greenwich substation and line project. Representatives reviewed many of the concerns the Town put forth through Planning and Zoning, which were focused on validating project need, looking at substation façade and location, potential impact to Kinsman Lane, and which, if any, material changes would have to be made in and around the Cos Cob substation. The Town Planner, Conservation Director, IWWA director, Superintendent of Parks and Trees, and Commissioner of Public Works were all in attendance. Eversource will be submitting their application to the Connecticut sitting council on June 26. A public information meeting will be held afterwards on July 15 at Town Hall.

h. On the morning of June 6, the Philippine Independence Day flag raising ceremony will be held at Town Hall.

i. June 18 is Greenwich High School graduation. The First Selectman congratulated the graduates on their hard work and accomplishments.

j. This afternoon, June 11, there will be a meeting of the First Selectman’s Youth Commission. The salvation of the Safe Rides program is the Commission’s biggest victory so far. They are now contemplating future objectives with which to kick off when the new school year starts in September.

k. On June 16 there will be a meeting of the First Selectman’s Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities. This committee helps research and advocate on behalf of the disabled community. Rita Azrelyant, the Parking Services Director, will be the guest speaker and will discuss parking and handicap accessibility in town.

l. A public meeting of the New Lebanon Building Committee will take place on June 18 at 11:30 a.m. The first meeting is for organizational purposes and was called by the First Selectman. At this meeting, the Committee will elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and a clerk to take minutes, and also begin creating a schedule of meetings.

m. There are pedestrian safety concerns on Almira Drive, a road in the Glenville-Pemberwick section that cuts through from the Post Road to King Street near many of the office parks. Jim Michel, Chief Engineer, met and discussed with residents, and many options were proposed. One is to move the bus stop back to its prior location on Hawthorne Street South. Another suggestion was to turn Almira Drive into a one-way street, so traffic would be diverted toward the wider Moshier Street. Speed bumps were also considered, but that would negatively impact Emergency Service vehicles. Residents would like to see stop signs put in the middle of Almira Drive, but that would be against State traffic warrants. Constructing a sidewalk was proposed, but it would not serve much of a purpose, because the sidewalk would not lead to anywhere safe. Putting up speed limit signs are an attainable option.
4. Old Business
   a. Request for Municipal Improvement Status for New Lebanon Elementary School
      i. Dana Sanchez, a New Lebanon parent, handed out a chart that explains the pros and cons of each proposed site that was passed out at the last Board of Education (BOE) meeting.
      ii. Oscar Rodriguez, a New Lebanon parent and member of the Friends of Byram Schubert Library and the Byram Neighborhood Association (BNA), wanted to refute the perception that the Byram community is against Scheme B. The BNA wants to ensure that the community specifications are incorporated into the decision making process. The specifications include the preservation of a green space, a building with good proportions and safety, and a process that would minimize the impact to current students. Scheme D, although in accordance with many of those requests, is not in line with all of them. Therefore, there is not as large a rift between the BNA and the New Lebanon community as was believed. Also, the BNA has collected 400 signatures in support of Scheme B.
      iii. Selectman Marzullo confirmed with Mr. Rodriguez that the BNA does not endorse either site. The BNA desires all of the sites to be objectively viewed so the best one is chosen.
      iv. First Selectman Tesel reminded everyone that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) only can vote yes or no to the proposal the BOE recommends. They do not make the decision on their own.

5. New Business
   a. Request for Temporary Road Closure – St. Roch Feast
      i. Jackie Budkins, stated that the feast plan was the same as it has been for the past few years.
      ii. John Toner motioned to approve the request for temporary road closure for August 12-15 during the hours prescribed, as presented. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:06 a.m.

   b. Department of Parking Services – Request to Amend Chapter 14, Article 5, Schedule II of the Traffic Ordinance – Limited Parking
      i. Rita Azrelyant, the Director of Parking Services, has been reviewing many of the various actions that relate to residential parking and snow route designations to ensure actions are compliant with the municipal code. Today, she is before the BOS to amend the limited parking section and attempt to bring the signs, Town Charter, and parking code into accordance with each other.
      ii. Ms. Azrelyant removed Brook Crossway from the packet because residents on that road still have divided opinions, so she needs to confer more with them and reach a consensus.
      iii. Tony Pratico, a Fairview Terrance resident, spoke about the proposed parking restriction changes. He was an originator of the petition that first resulted in parking signs being placed in this area to combat the fact that Blind Brook High School students and people going to the athletic fields were parking on all of the adjacent streets. According to Mr. Pratico, parking was restricted on Fairview Terrace from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Originally, Nedley Lane was also 9:00 a.m. to 9:00
p.m., but it was changed to 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Brook Crossway was 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Walker Court was 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., but the signs have disappeared on that street. He stated that a 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. parking restriction is best, because it deals with both the issue of student parking and the issue of overflow parking from the athletic field.

iv. Ms. Azrelyant clarified that Fairview Terrace had an 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. restriction that was changed to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in 2006. The motion today is to reaffirm the 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Sunday parking restriction.

v. John Toner motioned to reaffirm the 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday parking restriction on Fairview Terrace. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:24 a.m.

vi. John Toner motioned to codify the 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday parking restriction on Nedley Lane. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:24 a.m.

\[\text{c. Department of Parking Services – Request to Amend Chapter 14, Article 5, Schedule XXI of the Traffic Ordinances – Snow Emergency Streets} \]

i. Ms. Azrelyant requests to add Spring Street to the snow emergency route schedule.

ii. John Toner motioned to amend the snow emergency route schedule by adding Spring Street. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:25 a.m.

6. **Appointments and Nominations**

   Peter Teseli placed the nomination of Carol Burns for appointment as a regular member of the Commission on Aging for a term expiring March 31, 2016. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:33 a.m.

7. **Executive Session**

   John Toner motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a pending claim and two pending tax appeals against the Town. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:34 a.m.

   Present in Executive Session were: Wayne Fox (Town Attorney), Gene McLaughlin (Assistant Town Attorney), Fred D’Arango (Assistant Town Attorney), Bob Lichtenfeld (BOE Human Resources Director), Barbara O’Neill (BoE Chairman), David Walko (Housemaster of Greenwich High School Clark House), Mary Forde (Director of Pupil Personnel Services/Special Education), Dr. William McKersie (Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools), and Michael Rosen (Executive Assistant to the First Selectman).

   John Toner motioned to enter into public session at 1:55 p.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

   Drew Marzullo motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 12-6027307, 40 Sound View, LLC v. Town of Greenwich, as presented, with a credit of $10,690 to be applied against future tax payments. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 1:56 p.m.
Drew Marzullo motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 12-6027308, 56 Sound View, LLC v. Town of Greenwich, as presented, with a credit of $8,315 to be applied against future tax payments. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 1:57 p.m.

Drew Marzullo motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 12-6027309, Harvey Wagner v. Town of Greenwich, as presented, with a credit of $8,315 to be applied against future tax payments. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 1:57 p.m.

Drew Marzullo motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 12-6027310, Konstantine G. Wells v. Town of Greenwich, as presented, with a credit of $8,315 to be applied against future tax payments. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 1:57 p.m.

John Toner motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. FST CV 14-6022158S, McGuinn v. Town of Greenwich, as presented, with a credit of $8,366 to be applied against future tax payments. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 1:58 p.m.

John Toner motioned to adjourn at 1:59 p.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There will be a Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cone Conference Room.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Friday, July 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

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