

# Town of Greenwich

## Meeting Board of Selectmen

June 26, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

### AMENDED MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

**The meeting was called to order at 10:06 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 June 14, 2019**

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

#### 3. First Selectman's Updates

Mr. Tesei said that all three of the Selectmen attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Greenwich High School graduation on June 17.

On June 19, Mr. Tesei attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the accessible beach mat at Greenwich Point. He said the mat was made possible with a Greenwich Lions Club donation facilitated by Alan Gunzburg, who is chairman of the First Selectman's People with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

On June 22, Mr. Tesei attended a picnic at Roger Sherman Baldwin Park hosted by Ambassador to the United Nations Louise Blais of Canada. The Ambassador is a town resident and hosted more than 70 employees of the Canadian Mission to the U.N. and their families.

On June 24, Mr. Tesei attended the GEMS contract signing with the Health Department which included a celebration of the quality of care that GEMS staff provides to their patients.

Also on June 24, he met with RTM Moderator Tom Byrne and BET Chair Jill Oberlander and unanimously approved the reappointment of Michael Wacek as one of two citizen representatives on the Retirement Board.

Mr. Tesei outlined upcoming events including Fourth of July ceremony at 9 a.m. in front of Town Hall to be hosted by the Independence Day Association of Greenwich and the Town's annual fireworks displays scheduled for July 6 with rain date of July 7.

Mr. Tesei also noted that the Town Director of Purchasing & Administrative Services has been placed on paid administrative leave. He said the Human Resources Department acted prudently to investigate claims brought to its attention. He said no charges have been filed and that due process will prevail and that they should not be indicted by opinion makers in the press.

#### **4. Old Business**

There was none.

#### **5. New Business**

- a.** Junior League of Greenwich check presentation for Byram Park Pool Project – Debby Lash, Elizabeth Peyton, Hillary Watson.

Ms. Peyton said today's check presentation was the final installment of the \$2.5 million commitment the Junior League made for the Byram Park Pool Project. She thanked the Town, specifically Building Construction and Maintenance Superintendent Alan Monelli, Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Estimate and Taxation and the RTM for their collaboration and goodwill. Mr. Tesei thanked the League for their efforts and success.

- b.** Request for street closures for St. Roch Feast – Jackie Budkins.

Ms. Budkins explained the closure of Hamilton Avenue, St. Roch's Avenue will be in force from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 7 through Aug. 10 with Greenwich Police details assigned to various locations of the feast.

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

- c. Parking prohibition request for Lake Drive – Department of Parking Services.

Deputy Police Chief Mark Marino said the request to make charter changes for parking regulations on Lake Drive is the result of a petition organized and submitted by residents.

Resident Michael Horton said there is a traffic safety issue with motorists and commuters parking on lawns and blocking driveways. The proposed changes include not allowing parking on the outer perimeter of the road between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday; and at all times on the inner perimeter of the road.

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

- d. Reschedule July 25, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **6. Appointments and Nominations**

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, John Hartwell was nominated for reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire March 31, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, Vin DeFina was nominated for reappointment to the Housing Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **7. Executive Session**

- a. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and settlement of claims, and to interview candidates for boards and commissions.

At 10:35 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, Assistant Town Attorney Eugene McLaughlin, John Vecchiolla, C. Jefferson A. Parker Jr., and Suzanne Brown.

At 11:25 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to exit Executive Session. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the

motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tesei made a motion to settle Munsell v. Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of \$5,797 against future tax payments. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

## **8. Adjournment**

At 11:27 a.m., Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

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Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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