Town of Greenwich  
Meeting Board of Selectmen  
June 27, 2018  
10:00 AM.  
Town Hall Meeting Room  

APPROVED MINUTES  

1. The meeting opened at 10:03 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
   a. Attendance:  
      a. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present  
      b. Selectman John Toner - Present  
      c. Selectman Sandy Litvack - Present  

Following the Pledge, Mr. Tesei greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to ask questions and make comments.  

2. Approval of Minutes.  
   a. Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on June 15, 2018 were moved for approval by Mr. Litvack, and seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously.  

3. First Selectman’s Updates – Peter J. Tesei  

Mr. Tesei said the Town participated in a statewide emergency preparedness drill on June 20. The drill was focused on dealing with a natural disaster and involved representatives of key Town departments.  

On June 20, Mr. Tesei also participated in the 149th Greenwich High School commencement.  

On Sunday, June 24, he participated in the “wet-down” of the Glenville Volunteer Fire Company’s new tactical brush vehicle. The department raised $309,000 over three years to purchase the vehicle that can be used to fight fires or conduct rescues in geographically challenging areas.  

On June 25, the Greenwich Preservation Network held the dedication of the Strickland Road Historic District marker which Selectman Toner attended as Mr. Tesei had another commitment.  

Mr. Tesei read a letter commending the Byram Shed DPW crew for their efforts for the Touch-a-Truck event on June 10.
He also referenced a letter from residents of Booth Court and Booth Terrace, commending Highway Department crews for their efforts to clean up the neighborhood’s cul de sac.

Mr. Tesei announced that the Junior League of Greenwich made its 2018 contribution towards the Byram Park Pool project on Monday. They presented a check for $903,500. The final donation of more than $100,000 will be made next year. He added that the pool will officially open with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 28 at 10 a.m. He said the Town is thankful for this private-public partnership to build the pool.

There will be another ribbon cutting – on Friday at 1 p.m., at Binney Park at the children’s playground.

Next week, the annual 4th of July ceremony celebrating our Nation’s founding and the founding families of the Town of Greenwich will be held here at Town Hall at 9 a.m.

4. Old Business
   a. **Hillside Road Working Group presentation of final report and possible action – Town Administrator Ben Branyan.**

      Mr. Tesei said the group was established in March and Town Administrator Ben Branyan oversaw the group that met several times over the course of four months.

      Mr. Branyan gave a summary of the outcomes stated in the report. He also read the preamble of the report saying it was the overall driving force when the group was formulating its recommendations. He further stated that there are four specifics to highlight including a traffic consultant study findings ready in the fall; restriping of Hillside Road, a review of the outside rentals process and the Working Group to reconvene in the fall/winter to review progress.

      Mr. Litvack asked whether the Hillside Road homeowners were satisfied.

      Ms. Elizabeth Dempsey said while appreciative of the group’s work she felt there could have been more discussion of solutions.

      Mr. Branyan said the framework of the report shows who are the responsible parties and the corrective work to be done.

      Mr. Tesei said there is a framework and collaboration for ongoing oversight and resolution.

      Mr. Branyan agreed the working group will report back to the Selectmen at the Oct. 25 meeting.

      Resident Ms. Wynn McDaniel expressed her concerns for safety on the road.

      Mr. Tesei made a motion to accept the Report of the Working Group – Hillside Road Parking. The Board of Selectmen
would like to thank the members of the Working Group for their efforts and strongly urge the Greenwich Public Schools, the Department of Public Works, Police and Parks and Recreation to work without delay to implement the recommendation as presented. The ultimate goal is to strike a balance between Greenwich High School’s operations and residents having a peaceful enjoyment of their neighborhood. The Working Group should report back to the Board of Selectmen at their October 25, 2018 meeting as to progress made in implementation report. Mr. Litvack seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. New Business

a. Road closure: St. Roch and Hamilton avenues for annual St. Roch Feast – St. Roch Feast Committee Chair Jackie Budkins.

Miss Budkins explained that this was an annual fund-raiser for the Church and that there would be traffic control by Greenwich Police as hired by the Church. The festival is Aug. 8 – 11.

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

b. Request for Municipal Improvement (MI) approval for 51 units of senior/disabled housing – Housing Authority of the Town of Greenwich (HATG).

Housing Authority Chair Sam Romeo and Executive Director Anthony Johnson, accompanied by Executive Assistant Lisette Contreras, presented plans to construct 51 units of housing for seniors and the disabled at its McKinney Terrace property. The HATG is seeking approval of Municipal Improvement (MI) status for the proposal. Both Mssrs. Romeo and Johnson described the project and financing of it, as well as provided an overview of senior housing needs in the Town.

Mr. Tesei said the Selectmen typically hear the request for an MI approval at one meeting and vote on it at its next meeting, to allow for any public comment. A vote will be taken at the July 12 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mr. Romeo said that the project will take about one year to construct after all approvals are received.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

Mr. Tesei said he had an item to be added to the agenda under New Business regarding the proposed Zoning Text Amendment being considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Mr. Litvack made a motion, seconded by Mr. Toner to place the item on the agenda. It was approved unanimously.

Mr. Tesei explained he attended a meeting June 26 with several neighborhood representatives and Town Planner Katie DeLuca regarding the proposed Zoning Text Amendment, and that he signed a letter with the neighborhood representatives asking the Commission to delay it consideration at its July 10 meeting until the fall. Mr. Litvack asked that the Board of Selectmen send its own letter making the same request and to have Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Richard Maitland make a presentation at the Selectmen’s July 12 meeting.

7. Executive Session

a. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and settlement of claims.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to enter Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. It was unanimously approved.

In attendance were Town Attorney Wayne Fox, Assistant Town Attorneys Fred D’Arango, Gene McLaughlin and John Wetmore, Environmental Affairs Director Patricia Sesto, Conservation Commission member Eric Brauer and Recording Secretary Barbara Heins.

Mr. Toner made a motion to exit the Executive Session that was seconded by Mr. Litvack and unanimously approved by the Board at 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6029112S for a credit of $640,395 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6034143S – Parcel No. 02-1508/S for a credit of $25,042 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6034142S – Parcel No. 02-1509/S for a credit of $27,850 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to approve the settlement of Docket No. FST CV 16-6029029S – Parcel No. 10-1620 for a credit of $4,901 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Litvack made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Toner to
approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-5018155S - Parcel No. 11-3058 for a credit of $13,019 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Litvack made a motion to adjourn at 12:28 p.m. Upon a second by Mr. Toner. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

[Signatures]

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins, Recording Secretary