Town of Greenwich  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
June 29, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.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. Old Business: Request for Municipal Improvement (MI) Status for New Lebanon Elementary School
   a. The First Selectman began with a history of the New Lebanon Elementary School MI process to-date. The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to hear and decide upon Site D.
   b. Michael Tribe, architect from Peter Gisolfi Associates, presented Scheme D. Outdoor activities are encouraged under this plan with the inclusion of two fields. This plan meets the concerns expressed, and provides a first-rate elementary educational facility for the residents of Byram.
   c. Peter Tesei added that he has heard from residents regarding a potential Plan E site option at the Byram School. He clarified that in 1979, an MI was approved for the dedication of 12.52 acres of open space around the Byram School to be parkland. Under Connecticut General Statute 7-131N, the Town would have to replace this parkland elsewhere in the community if it was reutilized. However, there is a deed restriction on the existing New Lebanon School site that it be used for educational purposes only.
   d. Drew Marzullo asked if Plan D meets all of the educational specifications. Dr. McKersie, Superintendent of Greenwich Public Schools, confirmed that it does.
   e. John Toner agrees with Peter Tesei, and said that Plan D looks like a very workable and good plan.
   f. Charlee Tufts, Director of Greenwich Emergency Medical Services, researched the last 2-3 years of GEMS events at the New Lebanon School, and found there to be only two incidents. There was no problem with accessibility in either event. There are also defibrillators in all of the schools and trained personnel in all of the schools. She is comfortable from an EMS point of view that GEMS has easy access and egress. Ms. Tufts also added that there is no parking problem for an ambulance.
   g. Greenwich Fire Chief Peter Siecienski said there are no concerns from the Fire Department with regards to the New Lebanon School facility. Schools are regulated by the fire life safety code more than any other occupancy in the life safety code. It is critical to protect the student body at all costs, and remove students from the school in an emergency. Panic hardware is incorporated into all school facilities.
   h. Greenwich Police Deputy Chief Mark Marino and Sgt. Mark Zuccherella, added that in consultation with the Chief and command staff, Captain Berry works closely with the Board of Education (BOE) on security related issues. The Police Department does not see any disadvantage with the current location and plan. They have worked closely with the BOE for quite some time to develop security plans for all schools, and will continue to work with them in the design plan as Scheme D moves forward.
i. John Toner motioned to approve the request for municipal improvement status for the New Lebanon Elementary School, Scheme D, as presented. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:28 p.m.
j. The next step will be to put forward Plan D before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

3. **New Business: Board of Education – Request for Municipal Improvement Status for the Placement of Modular Classrooms at the Western Middle School**

This item of New Business will be tabled until the BOE is ready to present the request for municipal improvement status for the placement of modular classrooms at the Western Middle School.

Drew Marzullo motioned to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

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