

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen Meeting

June 29, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:08 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

The First Selectman greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to propose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on June 9, 2017 were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Before presenting his updates, Mr. Tesei explained that the Board of Selectmen are required by Charter to meet once a month and that the First Selectman keep the Board updated.
- b. One of the first items Mr. Tesei said he wanted to present was the recognition of citizen volunteer John Chadwick. Mr. Chadwick has volunteered his service to the Town's Retirement Board for 12 years. Mr. Tesei read a proclamation naming June 28, 'John Chadwick Day'. Mr. Chadwick then thanked Mr. Tesei and the Board. Mr. Tesei said that when Retirement Board member Joe Pellegrino was elected chair after Mr. Chadwick stepped down. With the vacancy created by Mr. Chadwick's stepping down, a Retirement Board member must be appointed by the First Selectman, the Representative Town Meeting (RTM) Moderator and the Chair of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET).
- c. On June 13, the Greenwich Alliance for Education celebrated its music education initiative with "Tuning in to Music Recital." Students in fourth through 12th grades receive free instrumental music lessons through the program.
- d. Also on June 13, Mr. Tesei said he had the pleasure of hosting a North Street School family – Min Kim and her husband Preston, their son and au pair - who won a PTA auction to have lunch with the First Selectman. In addition to giving them a brief tour of Town Hall, they also were given tours of a Greenwich Police patrol car by Officer Alan Pesce and the Greenwich fire Department Engine Company of Steve Lanzarone, Terry Murphy and Mike Ulrich. The emergency personnel provided a mini education class on fire and police safety in a very constructive way, Mr. Tesei said.

- e. Mr. Tesei attended the Greenwich PTA Council held its annual dinner at the Milbrook Club on June 14.
- f. On June 14, Mr. Tesei attended the Flag Day ceremony at Glenville School. After visiting Glenville School, I hosted 20 third-grade students from the Japanese School. Their visit also included tours of the Office of the First Selectman, the Town Clerk's Office and the Health Department lab, where apparently, bugs being tested were the big hit.
On the evening of June 14, Mr. Tesei and the rest of the Selectmen had the honor of presenting the Boy Scouts' Malcom Pray Friend of Eagle Award to Peter Malkin.
- g. On June 20, the Board of Selectmen attended the commencement ceremony for Greenwich High School. Nearly 700 young Greenwich adults have completed their education here in Town and move on to make their mark on the world.
- h. On June 20, the Town received another payment from the Junior League Greenwich for their ongoing commitment to help raise the funds for the Byram Park Pool Project. Mr. Tesei said the town has now received in excess of seven figures - \$1.25 million for the project – that is indicative of a significant private effort to support a project that will benefit the public.
- i. On Monday (June 26) Mr. Tesei presented certificates to four young women in middle and high school, who are participating in the Girls with Impact program. This mini MBA online program for teen entrepreneurs, was started by Greenwich resident Jennifer Openshaw. The program allows students to harness their desire to make an impact on Human Services with their projects, Mr. Tesei said. Ms. Openshaw's goal is to make this a regional program.
- j. On Tuesday night (June 27), Mr. Tesei was among one of dozens of residents who spoke at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to voice opposition to the proposed development of retail and residential construction at the corner of East Putnam Avenue and Sheephill Road. He said that the Riverside Association enumerated very clearly a number of issues regarding traffic and pedestrian safety in the neighborhood and as it relates to Exit 5 of I 95.
- k. The First Selectman reported that he is completing the annual M & C employee evaluations – which comprises the department heads and their deputies running the Town's operations, who are not represented by a collective bargaining unit. Employees are eligible for 1.5% raises for satisfactory performances and a .5% increase for those who truly lead the town, Mr. Tesei said. He thanked employees for their level of commitment, dedication and support.
- l. The Youth Services Bureau met on June 28 comprised of representatives of the Human Services Department, the Greenwich Police Department the YWCA, Kids in Crisis, the Board of Education. The meeting is part of a state requirement for the funding grant the Bureau receives. Among the services provided are the Juvenile Justice Review Board, the First Selectman's Youth Commission and various outreach programs.
- m. The Town also was recognized recently as one of the top places to raise children and that Greenwich is considered the safest place in America, based upon FBI statistics and the number of parks and recreational services available for families.
- n. Regarding upcoming events, Mr. Tesei said he would be participating in the Greenwich Sentinel Award ceremony where the Rev. Jim Lemler, pastor of Christ Church Greenwich, will be honored for his decade of service to not only Christ Church but the community as well.
- o. Mr. Tesei wished Community Development Block Grant Director Princess Erfe well as she completes her tenure with the Town.

4. Old Business

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- a. Road closure request for St. Roch Feast.
The annual request to close portions of St. Roch Place at Hamilton Avenue and at Alexander Street was presented by Jackie Budkins. The feast will be held Aug. 9 – 12.

On a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board unanimously approved the temporary road closures.

After discussion that the Board hoped there would be good weather for the feast, Mr. Tesei also commented that the Town's reservoir levels are at about 94% which are the same levels this time last year before the drought conditions began.

- b. Request for Municipal Improvement for a new marina restroom at Greenwich Point.
Superintendent of Building Construction & Maintenance Alan Monelli presented the plan to build a new stand-alone marina restroom located above the FEMA flood elevation on the bluff opposite the marina. Mr. Monelli explained that the Town is slowly upgrading all of the restroom facilities at Greenwich Point. Previous upgrades include the South concession and the #6 building which is across from the caretaker's cottage.

Mr. Monelli explained the current septic system is below elevation and floods frequently and that new construction must meet new FEMA construction regulations. The bluff where the new facility is to be located is one foot above the FEMA guidelines.

Mr. Monelli also discussed the construction and its potential impact on the expected restoration of the nearby Chimes building by the Greenwich Point Conservancy. With the Town building a new restroom, it would eliminate the need for one in the Chimes building, according to Mr. Monelli. There also was discussion on making the new restroom handicapped accessible. Mr. Monelli explained that the new restroom facility at Grass Island required construction of a 65-foot long ramp that was made possible because of the parking lot there.

Mr. Tesei said he had received communications from resident Bob Brady on June 26 inquiring whether the land would be cleared of trees/vegetation; whether the septic system would be gravity vs. pumped; how the project would improve the park for Greenwich residents; why the sketch submitted by Mr. Monelli doesn't include the dockmaster and what is the intended use of the Chimes building post renovation?

Mr. Monelli responded that by removing some functions, it would allow for the historical renovation of the building; the septic system will be located in the boat yard and perk tests have been conducted; there is space for the dockmaster and that the Planning and Zoning Commission will review the plans and refer to the Architectural Review Commission.

With the need for a permanent restroom at that end of the park and because of its location, a ramp would have to be removable; it cannot be made permanent, Mr. Monelli said.

Mr. Tesei said he would like the concerns to be addressed in writing before the next Board of Selectmen meeting. He also asked whether the Town could invest in portable, higher quality, seasonal lavatory facilities, similar to those used at large scale events in Town. Parks and Recreation Director Joe Siciliano said the Town does use extra portable restrooms at Binney, Bruce and Byram parks and the Pinetum. He said the Town has not explored using those types of facilities at Greenwich Point.

After more discussion on the handicapped accessibility of portable restrooms and the feasibility of whether they could be placed near the Chimes building, Mr. Tesei suggested that the Selectmen meet at the site to review the plan.

Mr. Brady also suggested that the proposal be passed along to the First Selectman's Disability Advisory Committee for input. Mr. Tesei said he will enlist comments from Committee chair Lolli Ross and Mr. Alan Gunzberg, who was in attendance.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Tesei noted the Board needs to appoint three to four representatives to the Area Nine Cable Council. He asked Mr. Brady if he would consider serving. Mr. Marzullo said that until representatives are appointed, he would attend the Council meetings.

Mr. Toner made a motion to nominate Devan Shulby to fill a vacancy on the Shellfish Commission, for a term expiring March 31, 2018. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Marzullo and unanimously approved.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Toner motioned to enter into executive session at 11:08 A.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Assistant Town Attorneys Fred de Arango and John Wetmore; tree warden Bruce Spaman, Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano and Board of Education member Dr. Gaetane Francis.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:20 P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

- a. Settlement of Bush vs. Town of Greenwich for a settlement of \$210,000.

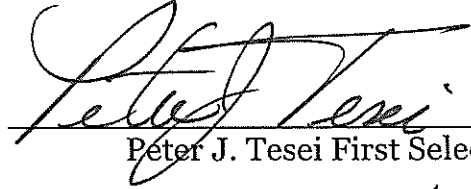
Upon a motion by Mr. Toner seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of the settlement.

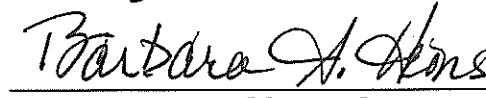
r. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of the settlement.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:21 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.


Peter J. Tesei First Selectman


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Recording Secretary