

Town of Greenwich

Meeting Board of Selectmen

July 12, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:09 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. He also commented that the presentation to be made by Town Planner Katie DeLuca is a presentation only; that no public comments will be taken; that the Board's previous action included a request to delay action on the proposal as well as to invite the Planning and Zoning Chair to attend the Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Tesei explained that none of the Planning and Zoning members attend meetings/discussions on pending issues outside of the Commission's schedule so that their decisions are not prejudiced.

2. Approval of Minutes.

- a. Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on June 27, 2018 were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, and seconded by Mr. Litvack. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Tesei said that both he and Mr. Litvack attended the 14th Independence Day Association of Greenwich celebration that drew hundreds of residents.

On July 9, Mr. Tesei swore in Greenwich Fire Inspector John Kiernan, who is a Greenwich Police Department retiree, as a Deputy Fire Marshal. He successfully completed his state certification training as a fire marshal.

Mr. Tesei elaborated on several upcoming events including the Bastille Day flag-raising at 9 a.m. Saturday; the Greenwich Point Conservancy Beach Ball on Saturday evening; the Founder's Day proclamation presentation at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church; the promotion of four fire lieutenants at Greenwich Fire Department on July 16; the Founder's Day celebration at the historic Feake-Ferris House at 10 a.m. July 18. Mr. Tesei also said that Tammy Ketler, a member of the Economic Advisory Committee, is organizing an 'Experience Greenwich Week,' promoting stores, businesses and restaurants to focus attention on local businesses, on the heels of the Wine + Food Festival. A similar plan is being developed for the post-holiday season.

4. Old Business

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

Mr. Litvack made a motion to refer the project for municipal improvement status before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. New Business

- a. **New Town of Greenwich website presentation – Chief Information Officer Tom Klein.**

Mr. Klein gave an overview of what and why there is an overhaul and redevelopment of the Town's website. The new website – www.greenwichct.gov - will go live on Aug. 8. Mr. Klein said the site will be more modern, branded and have unified presence that will make it more relevant to users.

- b. **Presentation on proposed Zoning text amendments – Town Planner Katie DeLuca.**

Ms. DeLuca said that the Planning and Zoning Commission would be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendments at its July 24 meeting at 7 p.m. She provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the proposed changes with explanations of why they are being sought. She said the changes would reduce liability to the Town and protect neighborhoods by promoting desirable land uses. She also explained that the Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD) is not a regulatory document but rather a vision document. She also stated that Greenwich High School has no more room to expand as it already is 72,000 square feet over the maximum allowed.

The Selectmen said they have received numerous comments opposing the proposed changes and the timing of the proposals. They each said they strongly preferred the Planning and Zoning Commission delay any consideration and vote until the fall.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

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 11:35 a.m. It was unanimously approved.

In attendance were Town Attorney Wayne Fox, Assistant Town Attorneys Gene McLaughlin and John Wetmore, 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 12:04 p.m.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6036184S – Parcel No. 07-1799/S for a credit of \$165,179 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn at 12:06 p.m. Upon a second by Mr. Litvack, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman



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Recording Secretary