1. The meeting opened at 10:05 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, not a public hearing, 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 July 12, 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

   On July 16, Mr. Tesei participated in the Greenwich Fire Department promotion ceremony of four fire lieutenants. Mike Stanco, Christopher Povella, Russell Paultauf and Dan Natale Jr. Each of the six engine companies is staffed by a three-person crew that is led by a lieutenant. That is not the case with the ladder truck. With these promotions, it will ensure a Lieutenant will be in charge of a ladder truck crew.

   Also on July 16, the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities in Greenwich met. There was an update on the relocation of post collection box that was blocking handicapped accessibility on Hamilton Avenue. And on July 27, the Town will mark the 28th anniversary of President Bush signing the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Committee is hosting a celebration at the Byram Park Pool at 9:45 a.m.

   The Chamber of Commerce released its annual business survey on July 16 with respondents indicating that their main concerns are planning and zoning regulations and parking.

   Also on July 16, the Town unveiled its Permit Process Improvement Initiative which is in part based upon the comments and issues raised by hundreds of residents, customers, users of various town processes. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the Town’s website.
Mr. Tesei elaborated on several events including the Bastille Day flag-raising on July 14; the Greenwich Point Conservancy Beach Ball on July 14; the Founder's Day celebration at the historic Feake-Ferris House on July 18. Mr. Tesei also said that he met with Old Greenwich resident Kalie Zagger who is president of the Greenwich chapter of TEAL – Tell Every Amazing Lady. A public awareness/education campaign about ovarian cancer is being planning for September.

He also said that he and Selectman Litvack attended the July 24 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and that the Commission withdrew the proposed changes to the Floor Area Ration regulations for educational facilities. He also said the Commission held open the file on the proposed zoning text amendments. He congratulated Town Planner Katie DeLuca for her efforts regarding these issues.

Selectman Toner reported that he attended the Army Corps of Engineers public hearing with the Department of Public Works regarding the proposed flooding control project for the Byram River which involves replacement of the two bridges spanning the river on the Greenwich/Port Chester border. He said the new elevated bridges would help to improve storm river flow; that the upstream Caroline Pond would not be dredged – that the only area to be dredged would be around the bridges.

Mr. Tesei also provided an advisory from Aquarion Water Co. regarding the utility’s planned flushing of water mains in Old Greenwich, Riverside and Cos Cob.

Mr. Tesei noted that on July 31, the Town would mark the 40th anniversary of the Greenwich Youth Conservation Program with a program at the Byram Park Pool.

4. Old Business

   a. Resolution that the Board of Selectmen does not authorize the Town Attorney’s office to initiate litigation to modify the existing 2003 judgment concerning lighting on the Greenwich High School property.

      Mr. Tesei thanked Mr. Litvack for reaching out to the plaintiff in the original litigation. Mr. Litvack said he was not acting in a legal capacity but rather had hoped to reach a collaborative approach to the issue. He said that based upon the professional advice the Board has received he cannot justify spending taxpayers’ money on legal action.

      Mr. Litvack made a motion to approve adoption of the resolution. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

5. New Business

   a. Authorization to approve $1 million self-insured retention for Collins vs. Town of Greenwich – Assistant Town Attorney Fred d'Arango.
Mr. Tesei said that the Town’s governing bodies – the RTM Claims Committee, the Board of Estimate & Taxation and the Board of Selectmen need to agree to support the settlement.

Town Attorney Wayne Fox recommended approval of the authorization. When asked by Mr. Litvack, Mr. Fox responded that he imagined the number of cases will impact the Town’s insurance premiums.

Mr. Litvack made a motion to approve adoption of the resolution. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Request to approve contract from the Harbor Management Commission – Frank Mazza.

Mr. Mazza, chair of the Commission’s Dredging Subcommittee, explained that Greenwich Harbor is a federal navigational channel and anchorage. He said the subcommittee is working with the Army Corps of Engineers for engineering, and the Connecticut Port Authority to obtain funds to pay for the dredging. He explained that the study would review the depth of the dredge and what to do with the spoils. It was estimated that about 60,000 cubic yards of spoils are suitable for open water dumping and another 60,000 cubic yards are not. The harbor currently has a low tide depth of about 7 1/2 feet. The study would review the costs of dredging and disposal to depths ranging from 10 to 12 feet, as well as including using some of the spoils to enlarge the Roger Sherman Baldwin Park.

Mr. Mazza said Greenwich is competing with all coastal Towns for funds. Harbor Management Commission Chair Bruce Angiolillo said it will be a multi-year project.

Mr. Litvack made a motion to approve adoption of the resolution. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Litvack said he wanted to present an issue brought to him by a resident – that people who rent summer homes in Greenwich are not permitted to obtain beach and pool passes. He asked if it is true and why. Mr. Tesei said the Selectmen set annual fees and access, and that the issue will have to be discussed with the Parks & Recreation Director. He requested that the Board’s Recording Secretary, Barbara Heins, submit the questions to Mr. Siciliano.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Litvack made a motion to nominate Philip Dodson as an alternate member of the Alarm Appeals Board to a term expiring June 30, 2021. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the nomination was approved unanimously.
Mr. Litvack made a motion to renominate Frederick ‘Rick’ Brooks Jr. as a member of the Alarm Appeals Board to a term expiring June 30, 2022. Following a second by Mr. Toner, the nomination was approved unanimously.

7. Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and settlement of claims; and to interview candidates for Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to enter Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. It was unanimously approved.

In attendance were Town Attorney Wayne Fox, Assistant Town Attorney Gene McLaughlin, Recording Secretary Barbara Heins, Philip Dodson, Rick Brooks, Granit Balidemaj and Dr. Nelson Bonheim (via phone).

Mr. Litvack made a motion to exit the Executive Session that was seconded by Mr. Toner and unanimously approved by the Board at 12:08 p.m.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Litvack to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 17-6039312S – Parcel No. 10-1047 for a credit of $4,639 against future tax payments. It was unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn at 12:13 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, August 9, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

Barbara A. Heins, Recording Secretary