Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 27, 2017
10:00 A.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:10 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 pose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on July 13, 2017 were amended to correct the spelling of Mr. Thomas McGarrity’s name and moved for approval by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.
   b. Minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen meeting held on July 19, 2017 were amended to correct the reference to the First Selectman’s Disability Advisory Committee and 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 read an email response from Department of Public Works Commissioner Amy Siebert that was not included in a piece written by Greenwich Time opinion columnist Bob Horton about the soil cleanup at Greenwich High School. Mr. Tesei said that Mr. Horton was selective in presenting facts related to the cleanup of Greenwich High School soil that was part of the MISA project and did not provide enough time for a response to the questions he posed to Ms. Siebert. Mr. Tesei also explained that the Board of Selectmen are required by Charter to meet once a month and that the First Selectman keep fellow Board members updated. (A copy of Ms. Siebert’s email is attached.)
   b. On July 18th, the Greenwich Historical Society announced the winners of the historic preservation photography contest during the Greenwich Founders Day ceremony at Greenwich Point. The 1st Place Award went to Joseph Weed for his photo: Tod’s Point, Old Greenwich; second place was Sally Maloney’s photo of her two granddaughters standing before the 9-11 Memorial at Cos Cob Park, and third place went to Carrie Wallack for her photo of Ada’s, Riverside with Finley Marshall and Lucinda McCall. Mr. Tesei said the event brought together several
organizations in Town and attention to very notable, historically significant buildings.

c. On July 26, all three of the Selectmen joined hundreds of clients of and supporters of Abilis held a rally here at Town Hall to protest the state budget crisis and the resulting furloughs of workers who support the most vulnerable in our society, Mr. Tesei said.

d. Also on July 26, Selectman Toner attended the Greenwich Preservation Trust discussion panel on the Federal Railway Administration’s plan to overhaul the rail lines through Fairfield County and its impact upon Greenwich. Mr. Toner said the plan is very detrimental to several localities and that Sen. Richard Blumenthal is very aware of the impact the project will have. Mr. Tesei said that some towns in southeast Connecticut were successful in having the location of the rail line redrawn because it traversed ecologically sensitive areas. In Greenwich, the rail line would go through environmental sensitive and historical significant areas and that there isn’t any indication that rerouting the railroad would shorten travel time. Mr. Toner also said that the rail line would be located on the south side of the existing tracks and go through some very expensive neighborhoods. Mr. Tesei also thanked the Greenwich Preservation Trust for their efforts in fighting the project and building public awareness about it.

e. Mr. Tesei noted that he would be attending a public forum being hosted by Westchester County to unveil its new master plan for development at Westchester County Airport. It will be held at the County Center in White Plains at 7 p.m. He said that representatives from the Northwest Greenwich Association were planning to attend the hearing.

4. Old Business

a. Municipal Improvement project referral - Greenwich Point Marina restroom.

After much discussion involving the Selectmen, Town Superintendent of Buildings, Maintenance and Construction Alan Monelli, Greenwich Point Conservancy representatives Chris Franco and Susie Baker, Alan Gunzberg, a member of the First Selectman’s Disability Advisory Committee, and Peter Berg, Chairman of the Representative Town Meeting Land Use Committee, Mr. Monelli withdrew the request from Municipal Improvement. The discussion focused on whether there was a need to study how and where best to construct a restroom facility that conforms with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mr. Monelli said he would work with the Parks and Recreation Department to conduct that review/study that would include consideration of whether to include it in the Greenwich Point Conservancy’s planned restoration of the Chimes Building and to build a separate facility in proximity to the Chimes Building.

5. New Business

a. Road closure/Detour – Riverside and Oval avenues: Eversource. Mr. Tesei said the item would be taken up at the Aug. 10 Selectmen’s meeting so that the public is able to have a full understanding of the project and be able to comment on it because it is a concentrated neighborhood. Mr. Tesei said that the Selectmen had questions/concerns regarding the work hours, the detour and the timing of the work.
b. Road closure/Detour – Sherwood Place and East Putnam Avenue – DPW. Deputy DPW Commissioner James Michel explained the need for the project. Work begun in 2015 under the Capital Improvements Projects Program and included work on Mason and Church Streets and now is focusing on Route 1 and Sherwood Place. A project redesign was necessary after work crews dug into an undocumented underground Verizon utility bank, thus delaying the project which is scheduled to begin with major detour and rerouting of traffic on Aug. 1. Work should take about a month to complete, Mr. Michel said.

A motion by Mr. Toner to approve the detour and road closure was seconded by Mr. Marzullo and unanimously approved.

c. Road closure/Detour – Sound Beach Avenue, Arcadia Road, Highview and Lockwood avenues – DPW. Mr. Michel explained that work has started at the Old Greenwich School and will connect with work that is being done at the Old Greenwich Train Station. The project will cross Sound Beach Avenue and most of the work will be done at night because of the volume of traffic in the area. The goal is to have work completed before the start of school.

A motion by Mr. Toner to approve the detour and road closure was seconded by Mr. Marzullo and unanimously approved.

d. Road closure/Detour – Binney Park – DPW. Mr. Michel said the dredging of Binney Park pond began on July 26 and that the materials taken from the pond must be transported to an adjacent area in the park to dry out before it can be removed permanently. Mr. Tesei asked that the Old Greenwich and Riverside neighborhood associations be notified of the temporary road closures to allow the truck transport of the pond spoils.

A motion by Mr. Toner to approve the detour and road closure was seconded by Mr. Marzullo and unanimously approved.

e. Road closure/Detour – Lake Avenue/ Lower Cross Road – DPW. Engineers Frank Petise and Sean Caldwell presented the plan to reduce the 18% grade that creates a sight issue for motorists. While the chances are the project will not be started until the spring, the engineers said they are making the request in the event the work could start now.

A motion by Mr. Toner to approve the detour and road closure was seconded by Mr. Marzullo and unanimously approved.

6. Appointments and Nominations
The Board then took a 15-minute recess.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Toner motioned to enter into executive session at 11:45 A.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were Assistant Town Attorneys Aamina Ahmad, John Wetmore and Gene McLoughlin.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:32 P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

a. Settlement of Docket No. FST CV 16-6029017S-Parcel No. 05-1863 v. Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of approximately $30,190.

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

b. Settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6034013S-Parcel No. 11-2474/S v. Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of approximately $38,423.

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

c. Settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6036163S-Parcel No. 06-1841 v. Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of approximately $3,313.

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

d. Settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6036161S-Parcel No.06-2221/S v Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of approximately $4,205.

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

e. Settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6036162S-Parcel No.06-2252/S v Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of approximately $3,313.

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

f. Settlement of Docket No. HHB CV 16-6034051S-Parcel No. 02-1005 v Town of Greenwich for a tax credit of approximately $7,025.
Upon a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor of the settlement.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:36 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

[Signatures]
Peter J. Tesei First Selectman

[Signatures]
Prepared by Barbara A. Heins
Recording Secretary
Good afternoon Mr. Horton,

I would confirm that with the work done to date at GHS, all fields have been and continue to be open and safe for use, and parking can be managed as anticipated when MISA was completed. I routinely meet with a member of the BET to review our GHS project, and we keep BOE facilities management, Parks and Recreation, and other parties informed as we make progress. We also use the BOE communications network to share information with a broad list of stakeholders (both internal town government and residents) through their ability to send out project updates, when and as new information of interest is available.

The Town has proceeded with much work since the need for remediation arose at the Greenwich High School (GHS) site. The following is a list of reports, contracts, and other work that has been completed and/or is underway at the site (not to mention ongoing groundwater monitoring). While not every report/deliverable is listed, it does show that significant work has been done and is underway, and it also shows just how much the regulators have had and continue to have on their plates to review, also. We know they have many projects to juggle, and we are grateful to their assistance which has allowed us to complete the work done to date.

Soil Remedial Action Plan GHS MISA Phase 2 B January 2012  
Remedial Investigation Report February 2013  
Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment March 2013  
Human Health Risk Assessment March 2013  
Focused Feasibility Study April 2013  
Remedial Action Plan (sitewide) November 2013  
Contract 6196 GHS Remediation West Parking Lot Expansion - Clean Harbors Summer 2015  
GHS Phase 1 Remediation (South side) EQ Summer 2014  
GHS South Side Restoration - Sept 2015 (work spread over 2015 / 2016)  
Site Investigation Work Plan July 2016  
Environmental Conditions Assessment Form (ECAF) filing: May 2017

At this time, we are continuing to work with the regulators to be sure that the work plan we submitted last July 2016 is sufficient to answer their questions. We are making progress on this with them, having just recently obtained feedback on the plan. Also, we have already conducted some of the additional investigatory work outlined in the work plan based on their approval of particular plan elements. All this information will be used to further refine and inform the Remedial Action Plan we originally submitted in November 2013. The Town's project team proposed a risk based closure action. We believe that approach, based on using evaluations and supporting documentation well established for such closure actions, provides the appropriate protection of
health and environmental safety for the Town while managing capital funds expended in the most prudent manner possible. This is a complex site, and all of us - our project team, the Town, the regulators - want to reach the most appropriate solution - and that takes time. I hope we have your support in our efforts!

Regards,

Amy Siebert
Commissioner
Greenwich CT DPW
via iPad

From: Robert Horton <bobhorton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:54 PM
Subject: MISA
To: Siebert, Amy <amy.siebert@greenwichct.org>
Cc: Tesei, Peter <peter.tesei@greenwichct.org>

Amy:

I’ve been speaking with DEEP officials about MISA progress. They told me that the town has not yet submitted a “final plan” for remediation, so that it really has no idea how long it will take to complete or how much it will cost. This, to me, seems to be dragging on and several BET members have said there does not seem to be a sense of urgency around this project, especially compared to the alacrity with which the BofE is making progress on PCB and other remediation at WMS.

What is your sense of how the project is going? How often do you report progress to either the First Selectman or the Board of Selectmen?

Thanks. Bob