Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 28, 2022
10:00 a.m.
Cone Room and via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

   a. Attendance:

      a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
      b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
      c. Select-person Janet Stone McGuigan – Present

2. Approval of minutes

   a. Special meeting July 12, 2022

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   b. Regular meeting July 14, 2022

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   c. Special meeting July 18, 2022

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   d. Special meeting July 18, 2022

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. First Selectman’s Updates

Mr. Camillo said that on August 10 he will meet with the Army Corps of Engineers on site regarding Byram River flooding. He met with Westchester County Executive George Latimer and has arranged for a mid-September public forum about the Westchester Airport master plan. He also mentioned that the Bicycle Task Force is working on joint projects with Stamford and Norwalk regarding a Route 1 bike corridors and they are trying to include Darien as well. There was mention of establishing a dog park in eastern Greenwich; long and short-term plans for the Hamill Rink will be announced soon.

4. Selectwomen’s Updates

Ms. Stone McGuigan previewed the August 1 blood drive at Temple Sholom; said the heat wave has prompted thoughts of climate change as well as a climate diet challenge. Selectwoman Rabin summarized work of West CoG and its grant program that will pay for adaptive signaling for the Route 1 corridor. She stated a fund-raiser is needed for the Affordable Housing Task Force and members are needed for the Commission of Aging.

5. Old Business

a. Amendment to traffic ordinance: No parking zone Perne Lane. Deputy Police Chief Kraig Gray and Senior Civil Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee. Postponed until further notice while the Department of Public Works continues community outreach on a resolution.

b. Request for a Town declaration of a climate change emergency – second read. – Isabelle Harper.

Mr. Camillo said the board is now considering revisions to the proposal submitted by Ms. Harper and Mr. Harry Fisher. He said he reached out to the Fleet Department Director Jay Domeseck who informed him that technology for an all electric fleet does not meet the Town needs at this time. The Town is seeking to buy 1 electric vehicle and that 35% of town trucks are propane-powered. He later mentioned that during storms, Fleet cannot have vehicles off the road for charging purposes.

Ms. Rabin said the different versions can be reconciled and that the KPI’s can be connected to various issues including water usage and bus ridership.
Ms. Stone McGuigan said she was impressed with the teens intelligence and leadership and she wants to focus on the operational clauses that have the support of the Sustainability Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission. Speakers who presented comments on the proposals were: Julie des Champs; Steve Wall, Isabelle Harper, Myra Klockenbrink, Harry Fisher, Alex Rodriguez, Nicole Freitas and Andrew Winston.

c. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance to update the term and late fee listed for the online renewal of annual parking permits (second read) – Parking Services Business Services Manager Lu Ann Bellantoni.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the amendment was approved unanimously.

d. Amendment to Traffic Ordinance to update the term and fee for Residential Parking Permits (second read) – Parking Services Business Services Manager Lu Ann Bellantoni.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the amendment was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Request for endorsement of proposed municipal opt out from minimum parking and accessory apartment provisions in CT Public Act 21-29 – Town Planner Katie DeLuca.

Ms. DeLuca explained the Town has an as of right accessory apartment regulation for 40 years and that it needs to retain the Town’s rights and regulations for parking. She said this would be discussed during an Aug. 5 public hearing and she is looking to have the item before the Representative Town Meeting for its September call.

Ms. Rabin asked that the Board wait until after the August 5 public hearing to vote on the request.

7. Public Comment.

There was none.

8. Appointments/Nominations

There were none.
9. Adjournment

At 11:12 a.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the motion was approved unanimously.

Barbara A. Heins
Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary