Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 12, 2021
10 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

   a. Attendance:
      
      a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
      b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
      c. Select-person Jill Oberlander – Present

2. Approval of Minutes


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

   b. Board of Selectmen special meeting July 21, 2021.

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

3. First Selectman’s Updates

   Mr. Camillo provided updates on a variety of issues including the continued monitoring of the delta variant outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and vaccination rates, and the implementation of mandatory masks protocol in all Town facilities; the completion of repairs of the Islander II ferry; the continuing increase in revenue from real estate conveyance fees; the St. Roch annual feast and the upcoming special election on Aug. 17.

4. Selectmen’s Updates

   Select-person Oberlander thanked Mr. Camillo for the updated face mask protocols; highlighted additional information and links on the Greenwich Health Department webpage and reminded residents to check on neighbors during the extreme heat wave. Selectwoman Rabin said she has had discussions with Greenwich Police regarding driving habits and conditions around Town and that
there is consideration of setting up an email system to report bad drivers and situations; that the Free Music Friday concert series has been extended through the end of September.

5. Old Business

There was none.

6. New Business

a. Change October 14 Board meeting date to Wednesday, October 13.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the date change was approved unanimously.

b. Discussion on potential conflict of interest waiver – Town Attorney Barbara Schellenberg.

Ms. Schellenberg explained the potential conflict of interest involved the firm of Shipman & Goodwin which represents the Town in certain labor matters. The firm is representing the First Congregational Church in a tax appeal against the Town. She does not believe there is a conflict and requested the waiver.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the waiver was approved unanimously.

c. Modification of central Greenwich resident and merchant parking permits – Deputy Police Chief Kraig Gray.

Deputy Chief Gray explained removing the distinction for residents and merchants will bring the program in line with other residential parking permit programs and create a pool of 200 available permits.

Ms. LuAnn Bellantoni, Parking Services business services manager, said 21 resident permits and 86 merchant permits have been purchased and can be used in any of the 10 long-term lots in the central business district.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the modification was approved unanimously.
d. Amendment to Wessels Place residential permit parking ordinance – Roderick Dioquino, Parking Service business office coordinator.

Mr. Dioquino explained the amendment is needed to reflect that both the east and west sides of the street are restricted to residential parking permits between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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

e. Amendment to traffic ordinance regarding Town Hall employee parking lot permits – LuAnn Bellantoni, Parking Services business services manager.

Ms. Bellantoni explained the department is reinstating a previous permit program to insure that only employees are utilizing the employee parking lot. The department will be distributing forms for employees to complete prior to receiving the permit.

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

f. Amendment to traffic ordinance to update residential parking permit fee - LuAnn Bellantoni, Parking Services business services manager.

Ms. Bellantoni said this amendment was an effort to clean up the Town Charter.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, the amendment was approved by a 2-1-0 vote, with Ms. Oberlander opposed.

g. Resolution to utilize low impact development on municipal projects – Patricia Sesto, director of Environmental Affairs.

Ms. Sesto explained this resolution is part of the Town’s recertification application process as a Sustainable CT community and the Town is accountable for low impact development on municipal projects the way private developers are.
Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the resolution was approved unanimously.

h. Road closure/detour request for Segment 3 of Old Greenwich Common Force Main project – Richard Feminella, wastewater division manager.

Mr. Feminella explained the project involves installation of approximately 4,000 feet of sanitary sewer lines and is the last segment of the project that is the result of an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Each segment of the project is expected to take 3 to 4 weeks and be completed in October.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the road closures and detours were approved unanimously.

i. Amendment to Waste Management ordinance – Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad.

Ms. Ahmad provided a history of the ordinance as did Mr. Camillo. Ms. Ahmad also provided an overview of the proposed changes for the Board’s first read.

Members of the First Selectman’s Waste Management Advisory Committee who also spoke on the proposed changes were co-chair Cheryl Moss, Angelo Pucci and committee secretary Scott Kalb.

The Advisory Committee will submit further revisions for the Board’s consideration.

7. Appointments/Nominations

a. Amend the term expiration date of Elliot Benton (R7) for the Inland Wetland Watercourses Agency to October 31, 2023.

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

b. Nominate Peter Lowe (R1) to a full term on the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiration of October 31, 2024.
Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the nomination was approved unanimously.

8. Adjournment

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

Fred Camillo, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins, Recording Secretary