Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 21, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:31 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
   a. Attendance:
      i. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei – Present
      ii. Selectman John F. Toner – Present
      iii. Selectman Drew Marzullo – Present

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 8-6-2015 were
      reviewed and approved as presented without objection.

3. First Selectman’s Update
   a. On August 11, there was a public hearing regarding the Community
      Development Block Grant program year 2016. The First Selectman heard
      the proposed recommendations from the Community Development Advisory
      Committee, and considered public input as well.
   b. There was a Fire Department swearing-in ceremony on August 17, at which
      there were two promotions to lieutenant and two new hires to fill vacancies
      that occurred due to retirements.
   c. The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) met on
      August 20 in New Canaan. The discussion focused on aging population, the
      challenge of providing affordable housing for those entering the workforce,
      where the administrative offices of WestCOG will be located, and a
      presentation on updates to the region’s GIS.
   d. On August 7, Town staff met to discuss the Eversource Energy substation
      project proposal in preparation for the September 1 public hearing. In
      attendance were Amy Siebert, Bruce Sparman, Denise Savageau, John
      Wetmore, Joseph Roberto, Joseph Siciliano, Katie DeLuca, and Pat Sesto.
      The public hearing will be hosted by the CT Siting Council, and will be
      located at the Cole Auditorium of Greenwich Library.
   e. On August 12, the First Selectman met with residents of the North Mianus
      / Riverside area to look at improved access to the Mianus River for kayaks and
      canoes.
   f. August 27 is back to school for Greenwich teachers. The Convocation will
      take place at Greenwich High School.
   g. On August 30, there will be a dedication of the Mianus River Bridge over
      Route 1 as the Honorable David N. Theis Memorial Bridge. The ceremony
      will begin at 11:00 a.m.
   h. On August 20, there was an evening meeting discussing later school start
      times. It was attended by representatives from across the political spectrum,
      educators, school administration, and medical services.
   i. A first draft of the Harbor Management Plan has been submitted for
      consideration by the BOS before it will move on to the RTM.
4. Old Business

There were no items of Old Business before the Board of Selectmen.

5. New Business
   a. Greenwich Adult Day Care, Inc. Lease Renewal
      i. The River House, formerly known as Greenwich Adult Day Care, has held a lease with the Town since 2005. The River House provides care for adults in their senior years 6 days a week. The River House is now seeking a ten year lease renewal.
      ii. Peg Drenckhahn, Director of Program Services at the River House, provided a background and overview of their services for the aged.
      iii. Ms. Drenckhahn also shared that a consultant, commenting in a statement on the River House’s strategic plan, called it the "gold standard amongst statewide adult day cares."
      iv. As per the Selectmen’s policy on lease renewals, this topic will be revisited at the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting.
   b. Application by the Historic District Commission to be appointed the “study committee” to investigate the property at 117 Dingletown Road to determine if it is an appropriate property to be named an historic property
      i. Steve Bishop, Chairman of the Historic District Commission (HDC), spoke on this topic. Anne Young was also present.
      ii. The owner of 117 Dingletown Road, Margaret Larkin, approached the HDC about designating her house as an historic property. According to Mr. Bishop, it is not often that someone does this.
      iii. The first step in the process to achieve historic designation is to appoint a study committee to investigate the property, to make sure it is historic and what the property’s history is. The HDC would like to be appointed as this study committee.
      iv. This is the fourth Greenwich property to seek historic designation.
      v. John Toner motioned to appoint the HDC to be the study committee to investigate the property at 117 Dingletown Road to determine if it is an appropriate property to be named an historic property. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:07 a.m.

6. Appointments and Nominations

Peter Tesei placed the nomination of Lloyd Bankson for reappointment as a regular member of the Nathaniel Witherell Board of Directors for a term expiring March 31, 2018. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:09 a.m.

7. Executive Session

John Toner motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a pending claim against the Town. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:10 a.m.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox (Town Attorney), Ben Branyan (Town Administrator), and Michael Rosen (Executive Assistant to the First Selectman).
John Toner motioned to enter into public session at 11:18 a.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

On advice of counsel, John Toner motioned to grant authority to the Town Attorney to settle the case of Casuto, et als. v. Town of Greenwich and Town of Greenwich Board of Education for $4,999. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:19 a.m.

John Toner motioned to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

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