Town of Greenwich
Meeting Board of Selectmen
August 22, 2019
10:00 A.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

   The meeting was called to order at 10:04 A.M.

   a. Attendance:
      a. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
      b. Selectman John Toner - Present
      c. Selectman Sandy Litvack – Present

   Mr. Tesei stated that this was a public meeting, not a public hearing, and that the Chair reserves the right to call upon residents to comment.

2. Approval of Minutes

   a. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on August 8, 2019.

   Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack and a second by Mr. Toner, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman’s Updates

   On Aug. 9, Mr. Tesei was the ‘celebrity chef’ cooking lunch for campers at the Greenwich Boys & Girls Club Camp Simmons.

   Mr. Tesei provided details on the lifesaving effort by the crew of Greenwich Fire Department Engine 1 who provided assistance to a family and their ailing infant who they treated and rushed to Greenwich Hospital.

   On Aug. 15, there was the placement of a plaque at the pin oak tree outside Town Hall to commemorate the first tree planting partnership between the Greenwich Tree Conservancy and the Parks & Recreation Department. The tree was planted in 2007.

   On Aug. 16, he attended an International Public Servant Exchange program organized by one of the civil engineers in the Department of Public Works – Juan Paredes. This is the second year that Juan has helped organize an meeting of our local DPW representatives and Town officials to discuss various Greenwich initiatives with business, industry and government officials from Ecuador.
Mr. Tesei said he would entertain a motion to take new business first so that Town employees attending for those items would be able to return to work. Upon a motion by Mr. Toner and a second by Mr. Litvack, the minutes were approved unanimously.

5. New Business


Deputy Chief Marino explained this temporary parking plan is the result of collaboration between Parking Services and the Public Works departments. The striping of two parking spaces would help mitigate parking congestion in front of the pizzeria until a permanent redesign of the traffic patterns and intersections at Riversville Road and Pemberwick Road is completed and approved.

Deputy Public Works Commissioner James Michel explained the redesign project probably will go out to bid in about a year.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tesei that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the Amendments were approved unanimously.

b. Establish and post speed limit for Meadow Drive, Cos Cob – Department of Public Works.

Mr. Michel explained the need for a speed limit on the street and that the state no longer allows the imposition of a Town-wide speed limit. It must be done on a street-by-street basis.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the speed limit was approved unanimously.

c. Establish and post speed limit for Hearthstone Drive – Department of Public Works.

Mr. Michel said there was a similar set of circumstances on Hearthstone as there was for Meadow Drive. He also said the street also is a school zone.

Upon a motion by Mr. Litvack that was seconded by Mr. Toner, the speed limit was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the Board unanimously approved placement of a road closure and detour for Davis Avenue as related to the installation the Old Greenwich force main sewer, onto the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Wastewater Division Manager Richard Feminella explained the road closure and detour are needed to install a temporary line while a permanent new line is
installed in the same footprint. The goal is to complete the work as soon as possible with the entire project expected to be completed in December.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Litvack, the road closure and detour were approved unanimously.

A recess was called at 10:53 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:02 a.m.

4. Old Business

a. Municipal Improvement to approve the Redevelopment Agreement between the Town of Greenwich and Greenwich Plaza, Inc. pursuant to Section 99(a)(2) of the Town Charter – Town Administrator Ben Branyan.

Mr. Tesei explained that this item would remain on the agenda until action is taken and that a review by the Board of Estimate and Taxation is not required for the project to move forward.

Town Attorney Wayne Fox explained there isn’t any requirement to bid out the air rights and acknowledged that perhaps there would be litigation on that issue that could delay the process.

Mr. Litvack said he likes the project but has concern about the approval process and a number of financial-related questions that he would like to have answered via the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

Mr. Tesei said the Selectmen’s role is to decide whether to move the project forward for more review.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner that was seconded by Mr. Tesei, the MI approval status was approved by a 2-1-0 vote. Mr. Litvack voted against the motion.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

7. Executive Session

None held.

8. Adjournment

At 11:15 a.m., Mr. Litvack made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Mr. Toner, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.