

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen
Meeting August 25, 2016
10:00 A.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:08 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 and that he reserves the right to call on people to ask questions and make comments. Mr. Tesei also explained that the Town Charter requires the Selectmen to meet once a month and that the First Selectman provide an update to the Board about events and activities in Town.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on Aug. 11, 2016 were moved for approval as amended by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Mr. Tesei talked about the annual Feast of St. Roch and the parade on Sunday Aug. 14 through the Chickahominy neighborhood with parishioners of the church as well as the new pastor, the Rev. Art Mullhauer. The new pastor is seeking to grow the church population and plans outreach to the Town's Spanish-speaking population.
- b. On Aug. 15, Mr. Tesei participated with the several Town officials and members of the Greenwich Junior League for the groundbreaking ceremony of the Byram Pool project. The League has pledged to raise \$2.5 million for the project.
- c. On Aug. 15 and again on Aug. 22, Mr. Tesei participated in the Employee Recognition program in which dozens of Town employees were recognized for their length of service, ranging in five-year intervals, from five to 40 years. Two 40-year employees were recognized, Larry Daur and Angela Vinci, who started working for the Town when she was 19 years old. Mr. Tesei also recognized his office Staff Assistant Paula Belmont who has served the town for 35 years. All employees were presented certificates, pins and coffee mugs and had their photos taken with Mr. Tesei.
- d. Mr. Tesei read a letter of appreciation from a Town resident thanking Greenwich Police Officers Sean Walsh and Luke Kelly for their compassion and dedication in helping to locate a sibling who went missing while enroute from Baltimore, MD to Greenwich. Mr. Tesei said it was nice for the officers to get affirmation from Town residents of the good work the police do on a daily basis.
- e. A group of Greenwich residents led by the Town's Ambassador-at-Large Bea Crumbine recently returned from a visit to the Town's sister city Rose Cosenza. It

was there that Mrs. Crumbine was named as a honorary citizen of the city in a ceremony where Town Tax Collector Tod Laudonia, whose family emigrated from Rose, was recognized. Mrs. Crumbine is expected to make a presentation on her trip to the full Board of Selectmen at a future date.

- f. It was noted that the organizational meeting of the Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee was scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 in the Cone Room of Town Hall. The committee has its own page on the Town's website under the Board of Selectmen.
- g. Mr. Tesei announced that the Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 at Cos Cob Park. Planning of the program has been transferred from Chris Hughes, whom Mr. Tesei described as a stalwart supporter, and that the program is focused on the families of Sept. 11 victims. The families view the Cos Cob Park memorial as a gravesite for those whom they lost.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. Bruce Winningham of the Greenwich Covenant of Care and Greenwich Police Traffic Technician Roger Drenth presented plans for the 4th annual Veterans Day Community Walk to be held on Nov. 11. Two options were presented which combine the Veterans Day efforts of the American Legion and the Covenant Care, under plans being developed by the Greenwich Veterans Council. Both options involve the Veterans Walk on Greenwich Avenue, beginning at Amogerone Crossway and ending at the World War II Memorial in front of the Board of Education building. The second option, Plan B, was to have the Veterans Walk conclude on Greenwich Avenue at the intersection of Arch Street and Havemeyer Place. Both options include the combining of the walk with the annual American Legion's Young People of the Year Award presentations. Technician Drenth explained that Plan A, with the ceremony being held at the World War II Memorial, was most desired because it had the least negative impact on Greenwich Avenue traffic.

On a motion by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the board voted 3-0-0 to approve Plan A, with the ceremony being held at the World War II Memorial.

6. Appointments and Nominations

a. To fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lloyd Hull from the Historic District Commission, Mr. Tesei made a motion to appoint alternate Commission member Darius Toraby, a Democrat, to complete the unexpired term that expires 3/31/19. Mr. Marzullo seconded the nomination which was unanimously approved.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Toner motioned to enter into executive session at 10:42 a.m., seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were Town Administrator Ben Branyan and Executive Assistant Barbara Heins.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 10:54 a.m., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

a. A settlement of tax assessment appeals by the Belle Haven Land Co. and the Belle Haven Club for the years 2010- 2014 was negotiated by lawyers for the Town and the Club. A credit of \$95,520 will be applied to future taxes.

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

Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman

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