

Town of Greenwich
Meeting Board of Selectmen
Thursday, September 6, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:11 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- a. Attendance:
 - i. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
 - ii. Selectman John Toner - Present
 - iii. Selectman Sandy Litvack - Present

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 08-23-2018 were deferred until 09-20-2018 Board of Selectmen meeting.

3. First Selectman's Update

Mr. Tesei discussed the donation made by Greenwich Hospital of three dozen Narcan Kits. It was accepted by Greenwich Police Chief James Heavey for the Greenwich Police Department as a tool for intervention in drug overdose situations.

A Greenwich "Kindness Rocks" Garden dedication will take place on September 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. It is being installed with the assistance of the Parks & Recreation Department to display painted rocks with healing messages of support and inspiration.

The First Selectman invited the public to dedicate the naming of the Greenwich Public Safety Complex Atrium in honor of John Margenot, a five-term former First Selectman and longtime civic and community leader. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Safety Complex.

Mr. Tesei noted that on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 two commemorative ceremonies will take place on the seventeenth anniversary of 9/11 World Trade Center tragedy. A ceremony will be held in Cos Cob Park at the World Trade Center Memorial and another will take place at the Glenville Fire Station. All are invited.

On Friday September 14, 2018, a flag-raising ceremony will take place in front of Town Hall in recognition of Mexican Independence Day

A Proclamation will be read by First Selectman Peter Tesei on September 17, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. on the steps of Town Hall to recognize Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Thanks were extended to Town Administrator Ben Branyan, Senior Management Analyst Blaize Levitan and Budget Director Roland Gieger for their work on a Trend Analysis Report that reviews the past ten years of Town expenditure information. It was developed as a planning tool for future budget preparation discussions. This report highlights the strong financial position of the Town of Greenwich.

4. Old Business

a. Resolution to amend Town Charter to clarify role of Condemnation Commission – John Eddy, RTM Special Committee on the Condemnation Commission.

Mr. Jude Collins responded to questions from the Board of Selectmen regarding the Executive Summary of the RTM Report on the Condemnation Commission. He explained how the Condemnation Commission differed from the Sewer and Highway Commissions. Mr. Litvak proposed that the future text insertion into the Town Charter regarding the Condemnation Commission's deliberation and decision making should define a time limit for the Commission's resolution of condemnation questions. 120-days was recommended as a deadline for a decision after the Condemnation Commission received a final report. Mr. Collins agreed to discuss the 120-day deadline with members of the Condemnation Commission and return to the September 20 BOS meeting with their feedback.

5. New Business

Mr. Tesei commented on the recent power outages experience in Town due to storms. He noted that Eversource had been contacted and asked to explain the locations and causes of the outages. Mr. Tesei suggested to the TV audience that they individually register a complaint with the Public Utilities Regulatory Agency and provided contact information: the telephone number (800-382-4586); email (pura.info@ct.gov). A full briefing with Eversource's Customer Service Liaison is scheduled to establish whether the outages were caused by a generation problem or a distribution issue. The objective will be discovering sustainable solutions once the source of the problem is known and why the outages occurred.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were no appointments or nominations before the Board of Selectmen.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Litvak motioned to enter executive session. Mr. Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:34 a.m.

Interviews of candidates for Boards and Commissions took place.

Mr. Litvak motioned to exit Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. Mr. Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. No action was taken.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15p.m. Mr. Litvak seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

Catherine Sidor
Recording Secretary

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