

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen

Special Meeting September 19, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:52 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 via telephone

The First Selectman greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a special Public Meeting of the Board of.

2. Old Business

- a. A request from the New Lebanon School Building Committee to abandon portions of the Church Street, Richard Street and New Lebanon Avenue rights of way, for a total of 23,058 square feet for the proposed New Lebanon School project.

1. Mr. Tesei apologized for the meeting's late start, explaining that the Town's Special Counsel for Land Use, Mr. (John) Wetmore had a family medical emergency and that Town Attorney John Wayne Fox arrived to stand in for Mr. Wetmore. Mr. Tesei also noted that Selectman Marzullo was participating in the special meeting via telephone.

2. Mr. Tesei explained that state law required today's meeting for a vote on the exact same motion on the right-of-way abandonment that was approved unanimously by the Board of Selectmen at its April 14, 2016 meeting. He also noted that Nick Macri and Claire Kilgallen, members of the New Lebanon School Building Committee, were in attendance at the special meeting.

3. Mr. Macri gave a brief overview of the need for today's vote. He explained that the footprint of the proposed school is on the property line and by abandoning the right-of-way, it will resolve setback and zoning issues. Specifically, the school would now have 25-foot and 60-foot setbacks which have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works.

4. Mr. Tesei referred to the August 16, 2016 letter Mr. Macri submitted to the Board of Selectmen that explained the need for the special meeting and vote.

5. Resident Ms. Suzanne Wahba questioned with there was notification of neighbors of the abandonment and whether they received a certified letter because their property will be forever changed. She also said the sign erected on Richard Street property notifying residents of the change, was obscured from vision and that someone removed the sign that was placed on the New Lebanon Avenue side of the property.

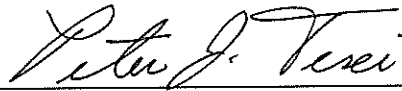
6. Mr. Macri responded that the two sign postings were required by Town Charter and state statutes . He said that traffic patterns would remain the same and that a traffic gate would be installed to prevent any thru-traffic.
7. Ms. Kilgallen reported that she was notified by residents of Richard Street that they received certified letters notifying them of the abandonment.

Mr. Toner motioned to approve the abandonment of the rights-of-way. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marzullo, and the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 11:22 A.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, September 22 12, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman



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Recording Secretary