Town of Greenwich  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
October 13, 2021  
10 a.m.  
Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom webinar  
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

   a. Attendance:

      a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
      b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
      c. Select-person Jill Oberlander – Present

2. Approval of minutes

   a. Regular meeting Aug. 25, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   b. Special meeting Aug. 25, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   c. Special meeting Sept. 9, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   d. Regular meeting Sept. 23, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

   e. Special meeting Sept. 23, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.
f. Special meeting Sept. 27, 2021

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman’s Updates

Mr. Camillo highlighted the scheduled candidate debates; the Town’s ISO fire rating; that COVID numbers continue to improve, and local events including the Policeman’s Ball, the Abilis walk and the Greenwich Historical Society fete of Ray and Barbara Dalio.

4. Selectmen’s Updates

Selectwoman Rabin said that Greenwich Police have set up an email address (trafficmatters@greenwichct.org) for traffic complaints and that Access Greenwich will be adding a traffic section.

Select-person Oberlander said there is more attention being given to sustainability and environmental programs; that the Sustainability Committee has published its report and is posted on the Town website. She also highlighted the recent Red Cross webinar on emergency planning held in partnership with various community organizations including the Commission on Aging, YMCA, YWCA and Family Centers.

5. Old Business

a. Amend ordinance to add ex-officio members to the Board of Selectmen’s Energy Management Advisory Committee to include representatives from the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Fleet Department and Finance Department – First Selectman Fred Camillo.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to approve the amendment. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Nominate and vote upon new ex-officio members of the Board of Selectmen’s Energy Management Advisory Committee – First Selectman Fred Camillo.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to nominate the Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission (Margarita Alban) or a designee; the Town Comptroller (Peter Mynarski) or his designee, and the Director of the Fleet Department (Jay
Domeseck or his designee, as ex-officio members of the Selectmen’s Energy Management Advisory Committee. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the nominations were approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Board of Selectmen’s Energy Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) annual report – EMAC Chair Peter Schweinfurth.

Mr. Schweinfurth gave an overview of the Committee’s work and annual report to the Board. He said that until 2019, the Town spent $7.7 million a year on energy. There was a dramatic drop due to the COVID pandemic. The Committee has identified possible annual savings of $700,000 to $1.4 million per year and has established five separate subcommittees to further investigate those potential savings to determine whether they are attainable. He also mentioned the Town may want to consider the hiring of a professional to manage energy saving programs.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to accept the committee’s annual report. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the report was accepted unanimously.

Before proceeding with the agenda, Mr. Camillo announced that the Morlot Park dedication has been postponed until the Board’s October 28 meeting.

Residents Sylvester Pecora Sr. asked to speak about the park as he will be out of town on October 28. Mr. Pecora expressed his concerns regarding the walkway, sidewalk, parking lot and a tree without a marker.


Deputy Chief presented the amendments. Select-person Oberlander requested a review of parking needs for the various fire departments given the demand for parking in the Town’s villages, as well as the 30 reserved Town Hall parking spaces as reserved by the Office of the First Selectman.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to approve the amendments and upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the amendments were approved unanimously.

Deputy Chief Gray explained the amendments codify the fees and penalties that have been in place for several years.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the amendments were approved unanimously.

d. Establish a Board of Selectmen’s Citizens Police Advisory Committee (first read) – Town Administrator/COO Ben Branyan.

Mr. Branyan gave an overview of the proposal which is to increase public awareness through transparency and public accountability. There was discussion on the input in developing the proposal, how Committee members would be sourced, whether there were concerns from the Silver Shield Association and whether committee members should be graduates of the Police Department’s Citizen Police Academy.

Mary Lee Kiernan and Erin Crosby of the YWCA stated the proposal lacks transparency, limits participation of working and single-parent families and guarantees that affluent, white people will be those eligible to participate, and suggested the language be changed. Mr. Camillo and Police Chief James Heavey expressed disappointment over the YWCA comments.

The second read of the proposal is scheduled for October 28.

e. Formal dedication of the Eugene Morlot Memorial Park – Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano.

This item was postponed until the October 28 Board meeting.

7. Appointments/Nominations

There were none.

8. Adjournment

At 11:50 a.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman
Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary