Town of Greenwich  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
October 15, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Town Hall Meeting Room  

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:15 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
   a. Attendance:
      i. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei – Present
      ii. Selectman John F. Toner – Present
      iii. Selectman Drew Marzullo – Present

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 9-24-2015 were reviewed and approved as presented without objection.

3. First Selectman’s Update
   a. A complaint made to the Freedom of Information Commission earlier in the year by a resident regarding matters related to the Greenwich Housing Authority and Armstrong Court was dismissed.
   b. On September 24, the Greenwich YWCA hosted the Spirit of Greenwich Awards at Greenwich Country Club. The 2015 Spirit Honorees were: Cyndy Anderson, Elaine Buss, Patricia Giesmar, Nisha Hurst, Joy Lautenbach, Joan Lowe, Leah Leidy Marmon, Giovanna Miller, and Emily Pleasants Sternberg.
   c. The Hamilton Avenue School celebrated 100 years of excellence on September 26. This program was put on by the PTA and Bea Crumbine.
   d. On September 27, Greenwich held its 375th Anniversary Parade.
   e. At the Cos Cob School on October 5, a grand opening of the Innovation Space was held. This was an initiative supported by parents, the Greenwich Alliance for Education, the school PTA, and brings the STEM component into the media center.
   f. The grand opening of the Greenwich High School Performing Arts Center was held October 7.
   g. The Selectmen’s Office was notified that Greenwich has been recognized as a clean energy community. Denise Savageau (Conservation Director) accepted the award on behalf of the Town. Greenwich is currently recognized at the Bronze level, and we are soon to reach the Silver level if efforts continue.
   h. On October 16, there will be a swearing-in ceremony for Special Police Officer Pat Iorfino at 11:00 a.m. During his career, he received 3 John A. Clarke Awards, and he retired as a Detective First Grade.
   i. On October 19 at 3:00 p.m., there will be a ribbon cutting heralding in the new renovations of Greenwich Common. This project was one of the recommendations from the POCBD Downtown Planning Committee.
   j. Representatives from the Board of Selectmen sit on various committees, and Drew Marzullo sits on the New Lebanon School Building Committee. There was a concern raised recently that the specific approval granted by the Selectmen for development of that site under MI was threatened by the possibility of being changed. Drew Marzullo reiterated that the Selectmen
voted unanimously to refer MI status for “Modified Scheme D” only. Any change or deviation from that would warrant a revote by both the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, any plan keeping children in New Lebanon while construction is being conducted will warrant professional input on the safety to the children and their parents.

4. Old Business

There were no items of Old Business before the Board of Selectmen.

5. New Business

a. 375th Anniversary Committee Acknowledgment
   i. Greenwich is a community of volunteers, and its excellent governance relies on its talented and generous volunteers. The Greenwich 375th Anniversary Committee was led by Davidde Strackbein, and a plaque was presented to her commemorating her amazing role in the planning of the Town’s 375th anniversary festivities this year. The Selectmen acknowledged their admiration and great thanks to Davidde on behalf of all the citizens of the Town for a splendid program that covered all areas of Town. She assembled quite an impressive team, and the Selectmen acknowledged and expressed thanks to all the members of the Committee.

b. Old Greenwich Merchants Association – Request for Temporary Road Closure of Sound Beach Avenue to host First Light Festival – December 5, 2015
   i. Rich Fulton from the Old Greenwich Merchants Association discussed the First Light Festival, which will be held December 5, 2015 this year. This event has gone without issue for years. This year, they are partnering with Neighbor to Neighbor by hosting a coat and blanket drive throughout the whole season.
   ii. John Toner motioned to approve the request for temporary road closure of Sound Beach Avenue to host the First Light Festival on December 5. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:52 a.m.

c. Acceptance of 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
   i. The HSGP is a routine item that comes before the BOS annually. It is an agreement between the State of CT, local municipalities, and 5 fiduciary agents. The State of CT administers these funds via MOAs. The request is to approve a resolution for Greenwich to continue to be a participating town in this program.
   ii. John Toner motioned to approve acceptance of 2015 HSGP for Region 1 MOA. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:55 a.m.

d. Request for Temporary Road Closure due to Diseased Elm Tree near the corner of Indian Field Road and Osceola Drive
   i. Jesse Fedak was present and spoke regarding this item. On November 3 and 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mr. Fedak would like to close the road near a diseased elm tree to cut the tree down, thus preventing Dutch Elm Disease from spreading in the area. The tree is on public property, and the abutting property owner is in favor
of the tree coming down. This act benefits the power lines too, protecting from potential outages.

ii. John Toner motioned to approve the request for temporary road closure near the corner of Indian Field Road and Osceola Drive on November 3 and 4. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:58 a.m.

e. Bruce Park Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project – DPW Wastewater Division Request for Temporary Road Closure and Detour Route

i. Rich Feminella, Wastewater Division Manager, said that for approximately one week in late October or early November, DPW needs to close the road on Bruce Park Avenue between Havemeyer Place and Davis Avenue for a sewer construction project.

ii. John Toner motioned to approve the request for temporary road closure. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:08 a.m.

f. Department of Parking Services – Residential Pilot Program East Elm Street

i. Director of Parking Services, Rita Azrelyant, was approached by residents of East Elm Street to pilot a 6-month program to give residents of that street residential parking. One side of the street would be permit parking, and the other would not be.

ii. After the 6-month pilot, Ms. Azrelyant would have to return to the BOS to either accept or deny the pilot program as permanent.

iii. John Toner motioned to approve the 6-month pilot program for residential parking on East Elm Street, from Milbank Avenue to Quarry Knoll. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:20 a.m.

g. Updates to Parking Rules and Regulations

i. Ms. Azrelyant also discussed a few updates she had to the Town’s parking rules and regulations, including metered parking.

ii. John Toner motioned to approve the updates. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:24 a.m.

h. 2016 BOS Meeting Calendar Dates

i. John Toner motioned to approve the 2016 BOS meeting calendar. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:30 a.m.

6. Appointments and Nominations

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

7. Executive Session

John Toner motioned to enter into executive session to discuss two matters of pending litigation against the Town, as well as a pending tax appeal. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:32 a.m.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox (Town Attorney), Gene McLaughlin (Assistant Town Attorney), Aamina Ahmad (Assistant Town Attorney), Bill Kupinse, Jr. (Outside Counsel), Bob Stacy (HR Director for the Board of Education), Marjorie Klar (Teacher Personnel Specialist for the Board of Education), Ben Branyan (Town Administrator), and Michael Rosen (Executive Assistant to the First Selectman).
John Toner motioned to enter into public session at 12:22 p.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

John Toner motioned to approve the settlement of Docket No. HHB CV-13-6028102S, 10 Hurlingham Drive, LLC v. Town of Greenwich, as presented, with a credit of $25,750 to be applied against future tax payments. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 12:24 p.m.

John Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:24 p.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cone Conference Room.

[Signature]
Peter J. Tesel
First Selectman

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