Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
October 22, 2020
10 a.m.
Via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 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. Board of Selectmen regular meeting October 8, 2020.

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

3. First Selectman’s Updates

   Mr. Camillo provided updates on a variety of issues.

4. Selectmen’s Updates

   Selectwomen Oberlander and Rabin provided updates on various committees they are involved with.

5. Old Business


      There was an explanation by Technician Drenth and Ms. DeLuca that there has been a positive response from dealers to address Town concerns. The proposed changes will remain tabled for a while longer.
Town Attorney Vin Marino opined that the correct way to address issues is to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission because the Board of Selectmen cannot legally undermine the authority of Planning and Zoning.

b. Update on 5G cell towers – Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad.

Ms. Ahmad explained the memo she presented to the Board including the fact that Towns cannot stop 5G antenna installations if FCC regulations are being followed.

c. Parking of recreational and commercial vehicles on residential streets – First Selectman Camillo.

First Selectman Camillo said the Town will continue to monitor the issue.

Ms. Rabin made a motion to take up Item 6f under new business after Item 6d, to accommodate scheduling concerns. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

6. New Business


Chief McHugh explained he wanted to keep the promotion within the Department and he recommended appointment of 24-year Department veteran, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Koczak.

Ms. Oberlander stated she would abstain from voting because she was not part of the interview process to be sure there was a foundation to make the appointment.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, Deputy Chief Koczak’s appointment to Assistant Chief was approved by a 2-0-1 vote.


Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the closure was approved unanimously.

c. Board of Selectmen’s Energy Management Advisory Committee – First Selectman Camillo.
Mr. Camillo explained this is a first read of the proposal and that a vote would be taken at the next meeting in two weeks. Following that, Committee members would be appointed so members can begin work before the end of the year.

d. Amendment to traffic ordinance Milbank Avenue – Deputy Police Chief Mark Marino.

Deputy Chief Marino explained the changes were very good for pedestrian safety and the result of a collaborative effort between the Greenwich Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Parking Services and the Traffic Safety Committee. The changes include installation of a mid-block crosswalk and a blinking sign, enhanced lighting and improved vehicular sightlines by eliminating four parking spaces. Deputy Public Works Commissioner James Michel spoke in favor of the changes.

    Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously voted to amend the traffic ordinance.


Sgt. Thorme explained the need for the campaign – that as of this date, there have been 105 cars stolen in Town. All cars were unlocked with the key fobs left inside. The campaign would include several different messages and signs would be placed on Town properties throughout Town.

    His presentation was for informational purposes as Board approval is not required.

f. Request for Municipal Improvement Referral for intersection of Greenwich Avenue and Elm Street – Jason Kaufman, DPW Senior Civil Engineer.

Mr. Kaufman gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposal to redesign the intersection of Greenwich Avenue at East and West Elm streets for pedestrian and vehicular safety. Each of the four corners would be redesigned separately with 2 to 3 weeks needed for each corner. Project cost: approximately $300,000.

    Deputy Public Works Commissioner James Michel said the project is part of an overall project to revamp the Greenwich Avenue streetscape.

7. Appointments and Nominations

    There were none.
8. **Adjournment**

At 12:15 p.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

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Fred Camillo, First Selectman

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Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary