

Town of Greenwich

Board of Selectmen Meeting

October 26, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Cone Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:07 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

The First Selectman greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to pose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on Oct. 12, 2017 were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates

- a. Mr. Tesei said that the week began with a 'double-header,' on Monday with meetings of the Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET) and the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). The approved BET budget guidelines provide direction and guidance for the Town and Board of Education in developing their proposed 2018-19 budgets. The BET is seeking process improvements and Mr. Tesei he expects that the Town will be able to hit the budget targets for 2018, however, with it may be difficult in 2019 and 2020 given the issues in Hartford. He also said the RTM held off on releasing funds to pay for the construction of New Lebanon School while the Governor continues to hold the state budget hostage in Hartford.
- b. The RTM at its Monday meeting approved the Harbor Management Plan and Mr. Tesei thanked Harbor Management Commission Chair Bruce Angiolillo and Vice Chair Lile Gibbons, as well as Selectman Toner, for their continued work and support for adoption of the plan.
- c. Mr. Tesei also reported that the RTM approved proposed amendment to the Bruce Museum management plan which will allow for the expansion of the Museum campus.
- d. Mr. Tesei said it is not often that Town employees are complimented for their work. He then read two letters from residents praising the work of Joe Scheck of the Tree Department and the staff of The Nathaniel Witherell nursing home.
- e. Mr. Tesei corrected misinformation contained in an Oct. 22 opinion column published by Greenwich Time. Mr. Tesei then read a letter from Public Works Commissioner Amy Siebert that explained there were indeed silt barriers included

in the Binney Park Pond dredging project. He said the article was a distortion of fact and truth and does not serve the public.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

- a. Mr. Tesei said that the agenda would be amended in terms of order of business so the Board could take up the proposal to name the atrium of the Public Safety Complex in honor of former First Selectman John B. Margenot Jr.

Mr. Tesei described Mr. Margenot as a legend in the community who has served the community for many decades. In referencing the Oral History Mr. Margenot provided the Greenwich Library, Mr. Tesei said Mr. Margenot began his public service as a spotter during World War II, looking skyward from atop of the Old Town Hall which is now the Senior Center on Greenwich Avenue.

Mr. Margenot married his wife Dolly with whom he had five children. Because of his concern for the safety of his children and others, Mr. Margenot ran for the RTM. His career also included serving on the BET and then in 1981, he won the first of two terms as a Selectman. In 1985, he won the first of five terms as First Selectman.

Mr. Tesei said it has been a pleasure to have Mr. Margenot as a mentor and described him as a listener, collaborator and consensus builder as well as a kind and gentle man who is a 'son of Greenwich.'

Mr. Marzullo commented his family has known the Margenot family for many decades and that Mr. Margenot is a passionate supporter of public safety.

Mr. Toner also praised Mr. Margenot's work for the community and said he continues to do so with his volunteer work at Greenwich Hospital.

Rick Margenot praised his father as a great Dad and said that by watching him over the years, it is obvious his father is a true son of Greenwich. He also recalled his father carrying the gold badge as Police Commissioner as well as a police radio who would go on police calls.

Police Chief James Heavey said that while Mr. Tesei may have given him his last promotion, it was Mr. Margenot who hired him. He also said that the Police Department will host the dedication ceremony when the plaque for the atrium is ready.

Mr. Margenot's daughter, Hilary Griffin, said her family is thrilled with the recognition being given to her father.

Mr. Tesei also acknowledged Jack Kriskey and Sam Telerico, two of Mr. Margenot's friends. He also suggested that Mr. Margenot could continue his public service by volunteering as a parking ticket appeals hearing officer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner and a second by Mr. Marzullo, the motion to name the atrium in Mr. Margenot's honor was approved unanimously.

- b. Amending the "B" Byram permit restrictions.
Parking Services Director Rita Azrelyant explained the request to increase the permit restriction by an additional two hours, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for 24 spaces in the William Street lot. She also explained that a new part-time parking enforcement officer, who is a retired Darien police officer, has been hired and will be responsible for enforcing the new restrictions during the weekends.

Upon a motion by Mr. Toner and a second by Mr. Marzullo, the amendment was approved unanimously.

6. Appointments and Nominations

- a. Mr. Toner moved the nominations of Audrey McNiff and Cynthia Anderson to the Selectmen's Nomination Advisory Committee. Both terms would expire June 30, 2021. Upon a second by Mr. Marzullo, both nominations were unanimously approved.
- b. Mr. Tesei said that he has appointed Laura di Bonaventura as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission to a term expiring March 31, 2021.
- c. Mr. Toner moved the nomination of James B. Daughtery to the Commission on Aging for a term expiring March 31, 2021. Upon a second by Mr. Tesei, the nomination was approved unanimously.

7. Executive Session

Following a recess at 10:46 a.m., Mr. Toner moved the meeting go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 11 a.m. Upon a second by Mr. Marzullo, the motion was approved.

At 1:33 p.m., the meeting came out of executive session.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 1:39 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.


Peter J. Tesei First Selectman


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Recording Secretary