1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 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 Sept. 9, 2021

       Postponed.

   b. Regular meeting Oct. 13, 2021

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

   c. Special meeting Oct. 13, 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 reported that COVID numbers continue to improve and that adjustments in town buildings will be made shortly; he continues to hold meetings with neighborhoods impacted by Ida; FEMA representatives have made 3 visits to Town and that the thresholds for individual and public assistance have been met; highlighted upcoming Veterans Day events.

4. Selectmen’s Updates
Selectwoman Rabin said that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments has hired a program coordinator for the ARP program to assist member towns.

Select-person Oberlander commented it was an honor to serve on the Board; discussed the Greenwich United Way youth and adolescent mental health program; her request of state Rep. Meskers to introduce legislation in the next session to allow the Town to change the name of Board of Selectmen to Select Board.

5. Old Business

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

Mr. Branyan said there weren’t any changes made to the original proposal.

There was discussion on what the proposal would accomplish; the number of complaints the Police Department receives; whether funding is needed for the committee; how were the concerns raised by the YWCA Greenwich being addressed, and by making changes to the Citizens Police Academy schedules.

Ms. Oberlander made a motion to amend the proposal to delete the third bullet and replace with “Graduates of the Greenwich Police Department Citizens Police Academy or able to attend training sessions during their term. Upon a second by Ms. Rabin, the amendment was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the Committee was approved unanimously as amended.

b. Update to Appeal of ADA grievance regarding accessible parking redesign of Elm Street/Greenwich Avenue - Alan Gunzburg.

c. Update on recent developments with 8 West End Avenue – Alan Gunzburg.

Mr. Gunzburg provided a summary of the situation at 8 West End Ave. where the commercial property owner would not provide an easement to the Town to redirect a sidewalk around a large healthy tree. The tree is the subject of a public hearing to be held by the Tree Warden.

There was discussion of policy; legal process to condemn the property with Mr. Camillo saying he would reach out to the Tree Warden and Risk Manager about possible changes to be made to the ordinance.

6. New Business
a. Neighbor to Neighbor lease renewal for 1 Horseneck Lane – Town Administrator/COO Ben Branyan and Neighbor to Neighbor Executive Director Margaret Goldberg.

Mr. Branyan said the extension is for two months, until January 31, 2022. Ms. Goldberg explained supply chain issues have delayed progress on the new facility and that the 2-month extension should be sufficient. She also stated that 470 to 490 families continue to receive weekly Neighbor to Neighbor food distribution services.

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

b. Appointment of an Assistant Fire Chief – Fire Chief Joseph McHugh.

Chief McHugh spoke of the need to change the administrative structure of the Fire Department. After a nationwide search with 50 candidates and a series of interviews, Chief McHugh recommended the appointment of Charles Lubowicki, currently Assistant Chief of the Hamden (CT) Fire Department. That department has a similar structure to Greenwich: a combination of professional and volunteer firefighters. Mr. Lubowicki will serve as Chief of Administration while Assistant Chief Brian Koczak is Chief of Operations.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Mr. Lubowicki’s appointment was approved unanimously.

Mr. Lubowicki thanked the board and said he looks forward to working in Greenwich.

c. Approval of road closure on Greenwich Avenue for November 11 Veterans Day walk – Police Chief James Heavey.

Deputy Chief Robert Berry explained that this was an annual event.

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

d. Approval of road closure on Delavan Avenue for November 11 Byram Veterans Association walk – Police Chief James Heavey.
Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the road closure was approved unanimously.

e. Municipal Improvement request for the Greenwich High School entry upgrade (first read) – School Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones and Timothy Nanzer, project architect, Silver Petrucelli & Associates.

Building Committee Chair Steve Walko gave an overview of the project that is designed to create a more formal and safe entrance to the high school. There would not be any change to the current traffic pattern. Construction would begin at the end of the current school year and be completed by February 2023.

Ms. Oberlander said she was concerned about the school’s energy and sustainability footprints. Mr. Walko said the committee is not tasked with educational specs.

7. Appointments/Nominations

a. Nomination of Sam Romeo for reappointment to the Greenwich Housing Authority.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Mr. Romeo was appointed to a term to expire July 31, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

b. Nomination of Alan ‘Brian’ Harris for reappointment to the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Mr. Harris was appointed to a term (R2) to expire October 31, 2024. The vote was unanimous.


Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, Mr. Barolak was appointed to a term (A2) to expire October 31, 2024. The vote was unanimous.
8. Adjournment

At 11:34 a.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