Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 5, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:08 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 10-29-2015 were reviewed and approved as presented without objection.

3. First Selectman’s Update
   a. The First Selectman issued a proclamation for November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month to create a greater awareness for this disease. Pancreatic Cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States.
   b. Mr. Tesei made a bittersweet announcement regarding the upcoming retirement of the Director of Purchasing and Administrative Services, Joan Sullivan, effective February 1, 2016. The First Selectman thanked Mrs. Sullivan for all of her excellent work here in Greenwich over her 26 years.
   c. Tuesday, November 3 was election, and this current Board of Selectmen will be back in its entirety to serve the Town for another two years.
   d. Veteran’s Day will be held next week on November 11. The Military Covenant of Care will be holding its third march down Greenwich Avenue, and the American Legion Post 29 will be holding its annual ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in front of Restoration Hardware on Greenwich Avenue.
   e. Also on November 11, the New Lebanon School Building Committee will be holding a meeting to reveal the architectural plans for the new school.
   f. On November 12, there will be a swearing-in ceremony for Eric Maziarz as a fire lieutenant in the Cone Room. This vacancy is due to the retirement of Billy Ingraham.
   g. At 5:00 p.m. on November 15 in the Greenwich Library’s Cole Auditorium, the First Selectman’s Economic Advisory Committee and the Yankee Institute are holding a panel discussion which will be looking at the implications of State budget and tax policy.
   h. The Greenwich YWCA wishes to expand its domestic abuse services program and outreach in the public schools. As such, they would like to receive more support from the Town, and a meeting was held to discuss this.
   i. The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCog) meeting will be held in Danbury this month on November 19.
   j. On November 17 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mazza Room, the First Selectman’s Community Diversity Advisory Committee will be meeting.
4. **Old Business**

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

5. **New Business**

a. DPW Engineering – Establishment of School Zone Speed Limits – Private Schools, Various Roads
   i. Traffic Operations Coordinator Melissa Evans and Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Jim Michel were present to speak on this agenda item. Mr. Michel began by stating that in February 2015, DPW requested that public school zone speed limits be established, and the Board of Selectmen voted affirmatively on that. DPW now wishes to establish school zone speed limits for the Town’s private schools.
   ii. The First Selectman added that this is a commonsense initiative, which is inline with traffic safety and Town consistency.
   iii. Melissa Evans mentioned that signage does not exist for many of these streets. Residents may not be aware that this change is going to happen, and should be given time to comment. Mr. Michel added that with the current backlog at the State of CT, a two week waiting period would not make a difference at the State level. As such, DPW is willing to return to finalize this topic at the November 20 BOS meeting.

b. Request for Approval of Harbor Management Commission Interim Budget for Remainder of Fiscal Year 2015-2016
   i. Frank Mazza, Chairman of the Harbor Management Commission (HMC), presented his budget for the remainder of FY 2015-16. The HMC has approved the interim budget, and they inherited a system that was a continuation budget from 2007. They now desire to move to a fiscal year basis.
   ii. Mr. Mazza asks that at the end of the year, the remaining money return to the Harbor Management Fund. He intends to go to the December BET meeting if the BOS approves today.
   iii. John Toner motioned to approve the HMC interim budget proposal for the remainder of FY 2015-16. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:40 a.m.

c. Eversource Energy – Request for Temporary Road Closure for Davis Avenue Bridge Work
   i. On Tuesday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Eversource Energy will be reattaching conductors under the Metro North Bridge to reenergize a street light. Jeremy Schaeffer, who works for Eversource Energy as an Electric Designer, is requesting permission to close Davis Avenue to conduct this work.
   ii. John Toner motioned to approve the request for temporary road closure for Davis Avenue Bridge work on November 10. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:41 a.m.

6. **Appointments and Nominations**

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

Drew Marzullo motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a matter of pending litigation against the Town. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:44 a.m.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox (Town Attorney), Ben Branyan (Town Administrator), and Michael Rosen (Executive Assistant to the First Selectman).

John Toner motioned to enter into public session at 11:13 a.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Teseli motioned to approve the settlement for the Town’s claims against NTA Inc. ($45,000), Kevin Flynn ($40,000), URS ($40,000), and Atlantic Consulting ($40,000) in exchange for payment to the Town of $165,000. John Toner seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 11:14 a.m.

John Toner motioned to adjourn at 11:14 a.m. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Teseli
First Selectman

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