Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen
Meeting November 10, 2016
10:00 A.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:08 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

   a. Attendance:
      I. First Selectman Peter J. Tesi - 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 propose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on October 27, 2016 were moved for approval as amended by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

   Before giving his updates, Mr. Tesi requested the Board to make a motion to take Items 5a and 5b out of order. Mr. Toner made the motion; seconded by Mr. Marzullo. It was approved 3-o-0.

5a. Mr. Tesi presented Ruth Shu, a representative for the World Pancreatic Cancer Day and a pancreatic cancer survivor, with the World Pancreatic Cancer Day proclamation that will be marked on Nov. 17, 2016.

5b. Mr. Tesi recognized two Greenwich residents – Megan Critchell and Heather Sargeant who spent the last year walking all 265 miles of roads in the Town. The women started their walking journey in the fall of 2015 and concluded earlier this month. They also participated in walking the New York City Marathon to raise money to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

3. First Selectman's Updates
   a. On Nov. 2, representatives of several Town departments participated in the state-wide Emergency Operations Drill. The drill was held in the town's Emergency Operations Center that is located in the Public Safety Complex. These drills are critical to the planning and preparation that we do year-round. Communications, operations, logistics are key components in being prepared for a major weather event or catastrophe. In this drill, the emphasis was on a days-long winter weather event in which there were major power outages, downed trees and utility wires, loss of communications and the housing of residents in shelters.
   b. Westchester County announced on Nov. 3 that it has entered into a 40-year
agreement to lease the Westchester County Airport to a California-based investment firm that will manage the facility that borders our northwest corner.

c. Also on Nov. 2, Town Planner Katie DeLuca and Mr. Tesei met with a group of residents from Circle and Morningside Drives, and members of the RTM from District 2 to discuss Eversource’s anticipated revised plan to expand power sources from Cos Cob to the western end of Town. Ironically, just hours before we held that meeting Eversource notified me via email that they are ready to begin surveying and citing utilities including water and sewer lines that run along the Metro-North Railroad right-of-way. That work is to continue for a few weeks.

d. On Monday, Nov. 7, Town Counsel and the First Selectman met with representatives of the Greenwich Preservation Trust regarding their planned work to preserve the historic Thomas Lyon House. It’s the brown house at the corner of Byram Road and West Putnam Avenue.

e. Election Day, it was a day of celebration in Byram. After several months of work that was coordinated by the Parks & Rec Department, we were fortunate to rededicate the Anne Kristoff children’s playground at Byram Park. The park now features a fantastic playground with a variety of swings, webbed climbing tower, bouncy bridges, climbing tunnels, merry-go-round and slides – all thanks to a public/private partnership with the Dalio Foundation.

f. Mr. Tesei also wished Selectman Marzullo a happy birthday.

4. Old Business

a. Reconsideration to create an Ad Hoc Committee to advise the BoS on current and future soil contamination issues. – Selectman Drew Marzullo. Mr. Marzullo said he would not call for another vote but wanted to inform the board that he met with a town resident who presented information that back in 2009, her then 2-year-old son tested positive for toxins that she is unsure whether he picked up from playing in the fields at Byram Park, including areas that were recently remediated. Mr. Tesei said he scheduled a meeting with the woman for the following week. He also criticized some local media for over dramatizing the situation regarding soil conditions. He explained that the Town has a process in place and follows protocols when embarking on construction projects and testing of soil before work begins.

5. New Business

b. Study of Opioid Use in Greenwich – Discussion by Greenwich Social Services Commissioner Dr. Alan Barry and Liberation Programs Executive Director Alan Mathis. Mr. Mathis explained the study is the culmination of a year-long effort that partnered his agency with Dr. Barry’s Department. Both Mr. Mathis and Dr. Barry explained in detail the results of the study that indicated that opioid use and deaths associated with those drugs continue to occur in Greenwich. The next step will be to form a committee to develop a strategy on how to the Town can effectively reduce opioid drug use. The entire report can be found on the Town’s website.

6. Appointments and Nominations
Mr. Toner nominated Martin Kagan as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission. He noted that Mr. Kagan has served eight years on the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency and that the Historic District Commission is more in tune with his interests and background. Mr. Marzullo seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Kagan to a five-year term ending 3/31/21, that passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Marzullo nominated Suzanne Hogan to fill a vacancy on The Nathaniel Witherell board. She recently retired after a 35-year career in marketing. Mr. Toner seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Hogan to a three-year term beginning 4/1/17. The motion passed 3-0-0.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Tesei motioned to enter into executive session at 11:40 A.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Valerie Maze Keeney, Assistant Town Attorney

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:07 P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:09 P.M.; seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0-0 in favor.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

[Signatures]

Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman
Barbara A. Heins, Recording Secretary