Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 12, 2020
10 a.m.
Via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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 22, 2020.

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

b. Board of Selectmen special meeting October 22, 2020.

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

c. Board of Selectmen special meeting October 26, 2020.

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

d. Board of Selectmen special meeting October 27, 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

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

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

b. Board of Selectmen’s Energy Management Advisory Committee – First Selectman Camillo.

Mr. Camillo stated the committee would work with the Sustainability Committee and the Environmental Affairs Department.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the creation of the committee was approved unanimously.

c. Road closure Taconic Road @ North Stanwich Road for Bargh Reservoir raw water pipeline – Jim Parlenti of A. Vitti Excavators.

Mr. Parlenti explained the logistics of the two-phase plan to blast rock in a rock ledge of 500 – 600 feet to complete installation of 1.7 miles of pipeline. The work is to commence Nov 16 and be completed by Thanksgiving.

Deputy Fire Marshal Mark Dawson said he is satisfied with the agreement to hire an Engine squad with a Lieutenant and two firefighters to be on standby during the blasting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the road closure was approved unanimously.
Ms. Rabin made a motion to take up Item 6c under New Business (Request for Municipal Improvement (MI) Status Approval for the Glenville Road Corridor Traffic Optimization and Intersection Improvements; Town Project No. 15-18 – Deputy Public Works Commissioner James Michel and Gabriella Circosta-Cohee, Senior Civil Engineer) as Old Business as the proposal was first made last spring. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Michel explained that the main changes to the plan involved cost: it has been reduced from $4.9 million to $3 million with funding by a $2 million federal grant and $1 million from the Town; the number of trees to be removed has been reduced from 11 to 6.

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

6. New Business

a. Lease between the Town and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC at the Griffith E. Harris Golf Course – Assistant Town Attorney Aamina Ahmad.

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

b. Discuss/decide need for second Board of Selectmen meeting in November.

   Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the scheduling of a special meeting for 10 a.m. Nov 19 was approved unanimously.

c. Request for Municipal Improvement (MI) Status Approval for the Glenville Road Corridor Traffic Optimization and Intersection Improvements; Town Project No. 15-18 – Deputy Public Works Commissioner James Michel and Gabriella Circosta-Cohee, Senior Civil Engineer.

   See item under Old Business.

d. Update on parking on lower Greenwich Avenue/Grigg Street – Deputy Public Works Commissioner James Michel.

   Mr. Michel explained the plan would open 21 parking spaces plus one handicapped parking slot and would be implemented as soon as possible.
Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously voted to approve the plan.

e. Temporary Greenwich Common skating rink – Sebastian Dostmann.

Mr. Dostmann explained the plan, with sponsorship by Pepsi, includes installation of a temporary ice rink on a playing field in the Common. The sponsorship would be paid to Greenwich Community Projects Und, a 501 c-3 nonprofit organization.

Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano explained the need for a licensing agreement with the Town and spoke of his concern of damage to the relationships with two donors who each gave $125,000 for the refurbishment of The Common.

No action was taken on the proposal.


This item was discussed in Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously approved the settlement.

g. Request for Municipal Improvement referral for Greenwich Emergency Medical Service (GEMS) Station 4 at 1327 King St. – Attorney John Heagney.

Mr. Heagney explained the history of GEMS’ use of the property including the purchase of a temporary trailer in 2012 after Super Storm Sandy damaged the existing building on the property, as well as the need for a new facility with garaging for ambulances.

No action was taken as this was the first read of the MI referral request.

7. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

8. Executive Session

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms.
Oberlander, the Board unanimously approved moving into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.

Also in attendance were Town Attorney Vincent Marino, attorney Barbara Schellenberg and Recording Secretary Barbara Heins.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the Board unanimously approved leaving the Executive Session at 12:12 p.m.

9. **Adjournment**

At 12:25 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