Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 3, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:24 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 attendees and welcomed all to the new term which began on December 1, 2015 and will extend through November 30, 2017. He commented that it was a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen but not a Public Hearing and as Chair, reserves the right to call on people to pose questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes
   a. Minutes of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on 11-20-2015 were moved for approval without exception by John Toner, seconded by Drew Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously at 10:26 a.m.

3. First Selectman’s Update
   a. Mrs. Bea Crumbine Greenwich’s Ambassador-at-Large, read a letter from Mario Bria, Mayor of Rose, Italy, a Greenwich Sister City, sending best wishes to Peter Tesei on his re-election as First Selectman. Ms. Yolanda Smeriglio, the Sister City liaison, reminded attendees that the First Selectman’s family and Selectman Marzullo’s family came from Rose, Italy. Mr. Tesei thanked Mayor Bria for his congratulations and good will.
   b. Ms. Seibert, Commissioner of the Department of Public Work, asked the Board of Selectmen to recognize Mr. Roberto, Superintendent of Highways, on the successful completion of the Connecticut Transportation Program, rigorous continuing education in his field. He was recognized with an award by Street & Highway officials for distinguished services caring for the roadways and infrastructure. The BOS thanked him for his personal leadership example to his department and service to the people of Greenwich.
   c. Mr. Tesei met with Katie Molano, a Rhode Island university student, who chose Greenwich as a case study for Town and City relationships.
   d. Mr. Tesei commented on attending the First United Methodist Church interfaith service on November 24th. He recognized the Fellowship of Greenwich Clergy for its support of Greenwich’s spiritual life.
   e. John Toner attended Church services at St. Catherine of Sienna Church on Thanksgiving Day where he read the official Town proclamation for Thanksgiving Day.
   f. Mr. Tesei attended a Son’s of Rose, Italy dinner on November 28th given in honor of his election to a 5th term.
   g. On Sunday, November 29th, the Board of Selectmen was sworn in for a new term, running from December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2017.
   h. Mr. Tesei recognized the Greenwich Preservation Network for its coordination
with the Greenwich Historical Society to mark the Downtown Historic District with its first plaque. He noted that background historical information could be accessed by smartphone within a range of the historic marker.

i. Mr. Tesi noted that the First Selectman’s monthly staff meeting had been held and he was updated on departmental activities, plans and their budget preparations.

j. Mr. Tesi remarked that he had administered the oath to three Board of Education employees as Parking Enforcement Officers for Greenwich High School.

k. Mr. Tesi attended the Conservation Commission’s introduction of its school wide leaf recycling initiative at Riverside School. He recognized Aleksandra Moch for contributing this component of composting, education and encouraging stewardship of the environment.

l. Lt. William H. Ingraham, Jr. was recognized on his retirement from the Greenwich Fire Department after 38 years of service to the community.

m. The BOS unanimously congratulated Mrs. Laura Erickson on her election to the chairmanship of the BOE in a letter dated December 1, 2015. Referring the New Lebanon Building Committee work session, the BOS reaffirmed its concern over the deviation from the approved MI as presented on June 2015. Mr. Tesi reiterated their concerns of 1) use of the land in the adjacent ravine; 2) placing the new building closer to I-95; 3) use of the ball field; 4) students in the building during the construction process. Mr. Tesi commented that it was important to meet a planning schedule, but that the BOS also was cognizant of its responsibility to fulfill its responsibility in the Municipal Improvement process. He reflected that civil courtesy was needed for an acceptable discourse during the planning phase.

Selectman Marzullo, an Ex-Officio member of the New Lebanon Building Committee, commented that the process encouraged public feedback and supported BOS decision-making. He planned to ask the RTM Moderator, Tom Byrne, for a clarification of an RTM member’s comments regarding “... any delay was politically or racially motivated”.

Mr. Tesi noted that the MI request was an evaluation of community impact and that Planning and Zoning Commission had significant responsibility for reviewing the next phase of the Building Committee’s process.

4. Old Business
   None

5. New Business
   None

6. Appointments and Nominations

Mr. Tesi thanked Peter Crumbine for continuing to assembling candidates to recommend for appointments.

a. Mr. Tesi nominated Brian Harris for re-appointment to Wetlands and Conservation Inland Waterways Commission as a regular member for a term ending 3/31/2020. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:48 A.M.

b. Mr. Tesi nominated Steven Fong for re-appointment as an alternate to Wetlands and Conservation Inland Waterways Commission for a term ending 3/31/2020. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:49 A.M.

c. Mr. Tesi nominated Caralyn Stevens for re-appointment to the Selectmen’s
Nomination and Advisory Committee for a term ending 6/30/2019. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:50 A.M.

d. Mr. Tesei nominated Leora Levy for re-appointment to the Selectmen's Nomination and Advisory Committee for a term ending 6/30/2019. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:51 A.M.

e. Mr. Tesei nominated Peter Crumbine for re-appointment to the Selectmen's Nomination and Advisory Committee for a term ending 6/30/2019 and thanked him for his contribution to identifying candidates for volunteer opportunities. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:51 A.M.

f. Mr. Tesei nominated Robert Grele for re-appointment to the Board of Ethics for a term ending 3/31/2019. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:52 A.M.

g. Mr. Marzullo nominated Julia Chiappetta for re-appointment to the Board of Health for a term ending 3/31/2020. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:52 A.M.

h. Mr. Tesei nominated Dr. Marilyn Cahn for re-appointment to the Board of Health for a term ending 3/31/2020. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:53 A.M.

i. Mr. Tesei nominated John Hartwell for re-appointment to the Board of Parks & Recreation for a term ending 3/31/2019 recognizing his contribution to the Byram Park's improvements. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:54 A.M.

j. Mr. Tesei nominated Barbara Nolan for re-appointment to the Board of Social Services for a term ending 3/31/2019. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 10:54 A.M.

Mr. Marzullo asked if Parks & Recreation Department fees and policies would be on the Agenda for the 12/18/15 meeting.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Tesei motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation against the Town. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 10:58 a.m.

Present in Executive Session were: Gene McLaughlin (Assistant Town Attorney), Fred Durango (Assistant Town Attorney), Jason Dodge, (Attorney - Struck, Dodge, Aiken, Zovas); Peter Mynarski, Comptroller, Finance Department; Mary Pepe, Director Human Resource; Erica Mahoney, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Tiffany Navarro, Workers’ Compensation Administrator.

John Toner motioned to enter public session at 11:17 A.M. Drew Marzullo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Tesei motioned to approve the settlement of a property tax appeal for 34 East Putnam Avenue Corp and 151 East Post Road Corp v Town of Greenwich and Land, Building and Improvements at 34 East Putnam Ave docket No. HHB CV 14-6026069- P4D3O no. 01-2043/S of a two (2) year adjustment favorable to the Town and increase of pending $40,582.00 with the removal of the outstanding penalty of $15,155.00, seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 11:20 A.M.

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Peter Tesi motioned to approve the settlement of all damages in the matter of the October 3, 2007 Workers' Compensation claim for the amount of $93,375.20 and $19,624.80 from the Second Injury Fund to resolve all claims on a full and final basis to include settlement of both indemnity and medical. Seconded by Mr. Toner. The motion passed unanimously at 11:19 A.M.

8. Adjournment
John Toner motioned to adjourn; seconded by Drew Marzullo.
The motioned passed unanimously at 11:20 AM.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Peter J. Tesi
First Selectman

Prepared by Catherine Sidor
Recording Secretary