

# **Town of Greenwich**

Board of Selectmen

Meeting December 8, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **1. The meeting opened at 10:11 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

Following the Pledge, Mr. Tesei held a moment of silence in memory of Charlene Abdal, a former Executive Assistant to the First Selectman. She served 11 First Selectman during her tenure with the Town of Greenwich. Ms. Abdal passed away Dec. 4, following a long illness.

The First Selectman then 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 ask questions and make comments.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting held on November 10, 2016 were moved for approval as amended by Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Marzullo. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. First Selectman's Updates**

- a. Mr. Tesei gave an update on the continuing drought situation both regionally and statewide. He explained that water is a finite resource and that conservation efforts need to continue. Aquarion Water Company wants customers to further reduce indoor water use by 20%. Mr. Tesei also mentioned that he and several Town officials, including Conservation Director Denise Savageau will be attending a Dec. 13 water use workshop that is being hosted by Aquarion.
- b. Mr. Tesei reported that he hosted 92 third-grade students from Old Greenwich School on Nov. 16. The students were treated to tours of the Town Clerk's record vaults by Town Clerk Carmella Budkins and the health labs with Health Director Caroline Baisley.
- c. On Nov. 21, Mr. Tesei attended a Restorative Justice Program workshop at Greenwich Police headquarters that also was attended by the Juvenile Review Board and Youth Services Coordinator Jenny Byxbee. The program provides a second chance for teens who have been charged with minor crimes.
- d. On Nov. 22, Mr. Tesei attended the annual Fellowship of Clergy Thanksgiving service that was held at the First United Methodist Church.
- e. Mr. Toner attended the presentation of a \$10,000 check from Wells Fargo

- Bank to the Kids in Crisis on Nov. 29. Mr. Toner said he was impressed with the services provided by the agency that's based in Cos Cob.
- f. On Nov. 22, Mr. Tesei met with Board of Social Services and discussed the upcoming budget preparation season along with proposed changes for 2017-18, including a possible name change for the Department of Social Services to the Department of Human Services.
  - g. Mr. Tesei attended the annual meeting of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce where state Economic Development Commissioner Catherine Smith discussed how the state is positioning itself for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Also, because of the number of hedge funds in Greenwich, the Town is the proposed site for a hedge fund summit being planned for 2017. Mr. Tesei also added that he is excited at the prospect that the Town may become a sister city to Hangzhou, China where a hedge fund summit was held last year.
  - h. Mr. Tesei also reported that he met with Kennedy Munro, the town's liaison at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Ms. Munro outlined many of the services the Conference offers to local towns.
  - i. Mr. Tesei the Greenwich Veterans Council and its member organizations for their efforts in commemorating Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

#### **4. Old Business**

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Results of the 2016 Residents Satisfaction Survey was presented by Town Administrator Ben Branyan and Senior Management Analyst Melissa Jones. The 88-page document is posted on the Town's website and will continue to be done bi-annually in order to gauge trends in residents' satisfaction of Town services.
- b. Commission on Aging Director Lori Contadino and Commission Chair Patricia Burns made a presentation seeking approval to apply to the AARP to have Greenwich designated as an 'Age-Friendly' community. If approved, Greenwich could become the first such community in the state of Connecticut to work with AARP to focus on issues facing an aging population. Assisting in the presentation was Professor Norman Toy and a team of students from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health.

Mr. Toner made a motion to approve the request. Upon a second by Mr. Marzullo, the motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Siciliano presented the proposed 2017 fee schedule. Mr. Marzullo asked if there would be a review to extend the policy to allow dogs at Tod's Point. Mr. Siciliano said the issue is under review by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mr. Toner made a motion to approve the proposed 2017 fee schedule. Upon a second by Mr. Marzullo, the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **6. Appointments and Nominations**

Mr. Tesei nominated Peter H. Linderoth as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Mr. Toner seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Linderoth to a term ending 3/31/20, that passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei renominated Norma Kerlin as a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Mr. Marzullo seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Kerlin to a term ending 3/31/21, that passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei renominated Elliott Benton as a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Mr. Marzullo seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Benton to a term ending 3/31/21, that passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei renominated Joseph Rogers as a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Mr. Toner seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Rogers to a term ending 3/31/21, that passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Tesei renominated Stephan Skoufalos as a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency. Mr. Toner seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Rogers to a term ending 3/31/21, that passed 3-0-0.

## **7. Executive Session**

Mr. Toner motioned to enter into executive session at 11:55 A.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Present in Executive Session were: J. Wayne Fox, Town Attorney; Assistant Town Attorneys Aamina Ahmad and Eugene McLaughlin; Comptroller Peter Mynarski; Tax Assessor Lauren Elliott; Human Resources Director Mary Pepe; Workers Compensation Administrator Tiffany Navarro; Board of Education Assistant Human Resources Director Regina Williams, and attorney Heather Porto.

Mr. Toner moved to exit Executive Session at 12:31 P.M., seconded by Mr. Marzullo, the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

The Board voted unanimously on motions made by Mr. Tesei and seconded by Mr. Toner to settle the following Worker's Compensation claims:

Claim # 0097887     Amount: \$100,000.

Claim # 0105195     Amount: \$ 18,000.

The Board voted unanimously on a motion made by Mr. Tesei and seconded by Mr. Marzullo to settle the following Worker's Compensation claim:

Claim # 0119147     Amount: \$ 20,000.

The Board voted unanimously on motions made by Mr. Marzullo and seconded by Mr. Toner to settle the following tax assessment appeals:

Docket # FST CV 16-5015750S - Parcel # 05-1329S for a tax credit of \$1,844 against future tax payments.

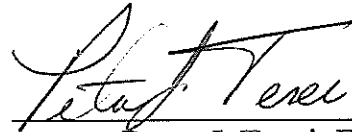
Docket # FST CV 16-5015702S – Parcel # 06-1814/S for a tax credit of \$947 against future tax payments.

Docket # FST CV 16-5015698S – Parcel # 08A-1498 for a tax credit of \$392 against future tax payments.

## 8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner motioned to adjourn at 12:35 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 22, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.



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Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman



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