Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 9, 2021
10 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

a. Attendance:

   a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
   b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
   c. Select-person Janet Stone McGuigan – Present

2. Approval of minutes

a. Regular meeting Nov. 23, 2021

   Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, the minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0-1, with Ms. Stone McGuigan abstaining.

b. Regular meeting Nov. 23, 2021

   Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, the minutes were approved by a vote of 2-0-1, with Ms. Stone McGuigan abstaining.

3. First Selectman’s Updates

Mr. Camillo highlighted several past and upcoming events including the Board of Selectmen swearing-in ceremony on Dec. 1 and welcomed Select-person Stone McGuigan to the Board. He also discussed the continued monitoring of the COVID omicron variant and suggested residents continue to carry face masks for use when necessary. He also mentioned this is now budget season and is meeting with various departments.

4. Selectmen’s Updates
Selectwoman Rabin welcomed Select-person Stone McGuigan to her first meeting. She also provided updates on Re-Imagine Greenwich, the status of candidate interviews for the Citizens Police Advisory Committee.

Select-person Stone McGuigan spoke of the Dec. 1 swearing-in ceremony; informed the public that she will have an open door policy and that she has assumed co-chair responsibilities of the Sustainability Committee. She spoke of the need to add professional staff to assist that Committee as well as the Energy Management Advisory Committee; and of her support for combining MI requests for Vinci Drive housing project and the Hamill skating rink.

5. Old Business

a. Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund (second read) – Planning & Zoning Chair Margarita Alban.

Ms. Alban explained the updates to the proposal focused on operational language; and added language that trust members have training in housing issues.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the declaration of trust was approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. Neighbor to Neighbor lease renewal of 1 Horseneck Lane – Town Administrator & COO Ben Branyan.

Mr. Branyan explained the requested lease extension would expire March 31, 2022 and would provide additional time for completion of construction of Neighbor to Neighbor’s new headquarters on the Christ Church campus.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the lease extension was approved unanimously.

b. Proposed 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule – Executive Assistant to the First Selectman Barbara Heins.

Mr. Camillo stated the schedule and location of meetings may be adjusted as the Board works to coordinate some meetings with various neighborhood associations around Town which would encourage more community engagement.
Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the 2022 meeting calendar was approved unanimously.

c. Increase membership of the Selectmen’s Nominations Advisory Committee (SNAC) – Selectwoman Lauren Rabin.

Ms. Rabin explained that two additional members are needed as the recruitment workload of members has increased by virtue of the creation of several new volunteer committees during the past 2 years.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the motion was approved unanimously.

d. Approval for the Town to participate in national opioid settlements – Assistant Town Attorney Valerie Maze Keeney.

Human Services Commissioner Demetria Nelson explained the need for the Town to participate in the settlements as the number of fatal overdoses in Town have increase from 1 in 2018 to 4 in 2019 and to 6 in 2020.

Ms. Keeney explained that there is a Jan. 5, 2022 deadline to participate and that over the course of the next 18 years, the state of Connecticut will receive $300 million. Based upon population, the number of overdoses and the number of people diagnosed with opioid use disorder, the Town can expect to receive 1.56% of the settlement annually.

Ms. Rabin questioned whether participating in the settlement will preclude Town residents from filing future claims against the drug manufacturers involved in the settlement. Ms. Keeney said she would provide additional information at the December 23 Board meeting.

7. Appointments/Nominations

There were none.

8. Adjournment

At 10:43 a.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Stone McGuigan, the motion was approved unanimously.