

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on June 18, 2009.

Present were First Selectman Peter J. Tesei, Selectmen Lin Lavery and Peter J. Crumbine, and members of the Press and Public.

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes for the Board meeting of May 21, 2009 were approved without objection.

First Selectman's Update

Peter Tesei spoke of the recent ratifications of agreements by LIUNA and GEMA. He said that both agreements included wage freezes for 2009/10 and the adoption of the high deductible HSA health plans. He thanked the leadership and the members of the town unions for their cooperation and assistance in meeting the special economic problems created by the recession.

New Business

- Lt. Tim Berry spoke to the Board regarding a Tri State Trek charity bike ride from Boston to White Plains that passes thru a portion of Greenwich. It is a fund raiser for ALS-TDI research and will include several teams from the police force. He asked for permission to close John St. for three hours on July 26. Police volunteers will direct traffic. Peter Tesei moved, seconded by Peter Crumbine to approve without objection.
- Parks and Recreation Director Joe Siciliano and Pam Blackwell from the Junior League spoke to the Board about closing Steamboat Road for two hours for the opening of the renovated Boundless Playground at Bruce Park. They explained that the closing was necessary to improve safety for the many handicapped children that are expected to be present. Approved without objection.
- Tony Byrne and Dave D'Andrea from the Board of Education were present to request that the Board approve a MI request at the new Lebanon School to permit adding 9 parking spaces to the lot. The Board discussed the traffic flow and if any other changes should also be made at this time. The Board voted to approve the MI request for the 9 parking spaces and also to recommend that DPW review the traffic flow and consider opening the gate at Roberts Road to create another traffic outlet. Approved without objection.
- Maureen Kast, HR Director, spoke to the Board regarding two changes for M/C employees. They were the elimination of the existing option for the PPO health plan and the switching to the same HAS plans that our unions have agreed to adopt. She asked that the Board vote to approve this change. The second

matter dealt with a change in the Town's policy for matching contributions for the 457 retirement savings plan. Presently most M/C employees have a 6% match on their contributions to this plan. However, since 2006 new M/C employees have not been eligible for this benefit. In order to correct this inequity she proposed that the match be capped at a flat \$6,000 and be extended to all M/C employees regardless of date of employment. Tony Byrne said that he did not object to extending the benefit to all M/C employees but he felt the benefit should be grandfathered for those M/C employees who have been receiving the 6% benefit.

The Board voted to approve the switch to the HSA plan for M/C employees, without objection. The proposal on the Town's match for the retirement savings plan will be voted on at a future Board of Selectman meeting.

Old Business

None

Appointments and Nominations

None

Executive Session

The Board voted to go into executive session at 10:44 am to consider pending litigation and property assessment settlements.

The Board reopened the public session at 11:09 am.

- The Board approved a proposed settlement of the Otto Lauersdorf v. Town of Greenwich matter for \$5,000, without objection.
- The Board approved a proposed settlement of the Connecticut Newspapers, Inc. v. Town of Greenwich for a new assessment value of \$4,096,540, without objection.
- The Board approved a proposed settlement of the Putnam Ave. Properties, Inc. v. Town of Greenwich for a new assessment value of \$2,905,000, without objection.
- The Board approved a proposed settlement of the Interstate Flagging v. Town of Greenwich suit for \$5,000, without objection.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:11 am.