

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 6, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in the First Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall. The meeting was recorded in its entirety by FairTV, Fairfield's Education and Government Access Channel.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau, Selectman Christopher W. Tymniak, Selectman Edward J. Bateson

Others Present: Harry Ackley, Mark Barnhart, Robert Bellitto, Mary Beyer, Betsy Browne, Anthony Calabrese, Deputy Fire Chief Kyran Dunn, Philip Dwyer, William Hurley, Michael Jehle, Dr. Toni Jones, David Kluczowski, Brian LeClerc, Stanton Lessor, Steven Levine, Carol Martin, Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Sal Morabito, Norma Peterson, Tom Quinn, Marguerite Toth, Stuart Strelzer, Coach, CERT members, Genny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Bateson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for a D-Day Remembrance.

- 3) MINUTES To consider and act upon the minutes of:
 - i. Special Meeting of April 17, 2018
 - ii. Regular Meeting of April 18, 2018
 - iii. Special Meeting of May 3, 2018
 - iv. Special Meeting of May 15, 2018

Selectman Tymniak motioned to take Items 3) i-iv together. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Items 3) i-iv. First Selectman Tetreau seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried 2-0-1. Selectman Bateson abstained.

- 4) RECOGNITION Recognition of Fairfield Ludlowe High School Junior Achievement Team for Winning the 2018 National Junior Achievement Titan Virtual Competition
- 5) RECOGNITION Recognition of Fairfield Warde High School Junior Achievement Team for Placing Second in the Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut's Eighth Annual Titan Business Challenge

The Coach and the Board presented certificates to both teams.

- 6) RECOGNITION Recognition of Fairfield Ludlowe High School Student for Winning the 2018 YMCA National Swim Championships in both the Fifty Meter Freestyle and the One Hundred Meter Freestyle

First Selectman Tetreau relayed get well wishes and thanked her for continuing to make the town proud.

7) **RECOGNITION** Recognition of Fairfield Resident for Receiving the 2017 FEMA Outstanding Citizen Corps Council Member Award

The Board thanked Norma Peterson for her dedication, endless hours working through storms, improving the program and providing training. Ms. Peterson recognized the entire CERT team of volunteers, the First Selectman and the Fire Department for their support. First Selectman Tetreau read a proclamation declaring June 6 Norma Peterson Day.

- 8) **REAPPOINTMENTS** To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments:
- a. Ethics Commission (**requires unanimous BOS vote and RTM approval**)
Marguerite H. Toth (R), 994 South Pine Creek Road, term 7/18 – 7/20
 - b. FairTV Commission (**requires unanimous BOS vote and RTM approval**)
 - i. James F. Quinn (D), 508 Wilson Street, term 7/18 – 7/21
 - ii. Stuart Strelzer (U), 56 Lamplighter Lane, term 7/18 – 7/21

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Item 8) a Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Item 8) b. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 9) **APPOINTMENTS** To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:
- a. Golf Commission
 - i. Priscilla W. Schulz (D), 108 Flax Road, term 4/14 – 4/19
(To fill a vacancy created by Phillip Collin's resignation)
 - ii. Peter Secrist (U), 505 Toilsome Hill Road, term 4/16 – 4/21
(To fill a vacancy created by Alexander Grutkowski's resignation)
 - b. Ethics Commission (**requires unanimous BOS vote and RTM approval**)
Alexander J. Trembicki (D), 743 Stratfield Road, term 7/18 – 7/20
(to fill a vacancy for Christopher Brogan whose term is expiring)
 - c. Solid Waste and Recycling Commission (**requires RTM approval**)
Mary S. Beyer (D), 4720 Congress Street, term 11/14 – 11/18
(to fill a vacancy for Patty Palmer who resigned)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Item 9) a. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Item 9) b. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Item 9) c. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

10) **MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (requires RTM Approval)** To hear consider and act upon the following appointments to the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee:

- i. Harry R. Ackley, Sr. (R), 25 Wagon Hill Road
- ii. Jeremy J. Budzian (R), 45 Geneva Terrace
- iii. Hector M. Guillen (U), 1043 Mill Hill Terrace
- iv. Jason Li (R), Sunnyridge Avenue
- v. Heather M. Nokta (D), 211 Warner Hill Road
- vi. Thomas F. Quinn (D), 88 Miro Street
- vii. Norman A. Roberts (U), 1210 South Pine Creek Road
- viii. Melanie M. Ruggieri (R), 238 Warner Hill Road
- ix. Andrew R. Sherriff, Jr (U), 1 River Lane

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Items 10) i-ix. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to take Item 12 out of sequence. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

12) **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** To hear a report on the new gas line installation in the Beach Area

Town Engineer Bill Hurley spoke on behalf of Joe Michelangelo regarding the Southern Connecticut Gas line project noting that the work requires disconnection of old service, installation of new main lines, excavation and paving of 30 streets. Mr. Hurley said that DPW will oversee the paving and the Police Department will maintain traffic control and that the project is slated to begin June 11 and continue through 2018 with final paving in Spring 2019.

11) **FAIRFIELD MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER** To hear an update from the Fairfield Museum and History Center on activities planned for the Town Green

Museum Director Michael Jehle gave an update on upcoming activities, curriculum, professional development and exhibitions noting that high school students will provide tours. The Board thanked him for his work now and for future generations.

13) **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** To approve the naming of a walkway at Lieutenant Owen Fish Park in memory of Barbara H. Levine as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Steven Levine spoke about his memory of his mother.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

14) **TOWN ATTORNEY** To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Town Attorney:

RESOLVED, that the amended Cooperation Agreement for Housing the Elderly between the Fairfield Housing Authority and the Town of Fairfield, covering property known as 15 Pine Tree Court, be and hereby is approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the Town of Fairfield.

Attorney Lessor, Brian LeClerc and Carol Martin reviewed the backup, changes, statute requirements and amendments.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

15) ASSESSOR To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution regarding tax abatement for certain low or moderate-income properties as recommended by the Assessor:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Representative Town Meeting has enacted Chapter 95, Article I of the Fairfield Town Code, providing for the abatement of taxes on certain low or moderate-income property, and has further delegated to the Board of Selectmen the authority to grant such abatements and to authorize the First Selectman to enter into Housing Agreements providing for such tax abatement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-215 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Chapter 95, Article I of the Fairfield Town Code, OH Properties LLC, MICAH Housing, Inc., 31 Soundview Avenue, LLC and 145 Grasmere Avenue, LLC have applied to the Fairfield Assessor to have real property tax for certain real properties owned by said entities abated; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid entities have agreed to enter into Housing Agreements covering said properties; and

WHEREAS, after investigation, the Assessor has found said properties to be eligible for tax abatement and has recommended that property tax on said properties be abated;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Real Property taxes on the following properties are hereby abated commencing with the assessment year of October 1, 2017, and for the subsequent 39 years:

5 Trefoil Court	OH Properties LLC
18 Garden Drive	OH Properties LLC
101 Sawyer Road	OH Properties LLC
58 Jarvis Court	MICAH Housing, Inc.
76 Jarvis Court	MICAH Housing, Inc.
84 Jarvis Court	MICAH Housing, Inc.
87 Jarvis Court	MICAH Housing, Inc.
31 Soundview Avenue	31 Soundview Avenue, LLC
145 Grasmere Avenue	145 Grasmere Avenue, LLC

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that said tax abatement is conditioned upon, and subject to, each respective property owner entering into a Housing Agreement with the Town of Fairfield. Said Housing Agreement shall be similar in form and substance to the Housing Agreement attached to this resolution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to enter into said Housing Agreements on behalf of the Town of Fairfield.

Selectman Bateson motioned to waive the reading. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Attorney Lesser explained the tax abatement procedure and agreement.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 16) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and approve an abatement of taxes for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Grand List taxes due July 2015 – June 2018 for 21 and 63 Durrell Drive in the total amount of \$25,848.88.

Tax Collector David Kluczowski said this reflected the catch up on abatements.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 17) DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (**requires RTM approval**) To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Community and Economic Development:
RESOLVED, that the applications received under the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program are hereby approved, and that the Director of Community and Economic Development is hereby designated as the municipal liaison of the Town of Fairfield for this program.

Mr. Barnhart explained the annual program.

Selectman Bateson motioned to approve the item. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 18) DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (**requires RTM approval**) To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Community and Economic Development:
RESOLVED, that the Program Year 44 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is hereby approved in the amount of \$538,200, which includes entitlement grant funds of \$508,143 and program income of \$30,057, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all necessary documents that facilitate the Town's participation in said CDBG Program.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. First Selectman Tetreau seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

19) MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARGE

To consider and approve a charge for the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee. The item was postponed to the next meeting date. No action was taken.

20) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$20,920.10.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

21) TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session – three pending litigation items

The item was postponed to June 20, 2018. No action was taken.

22) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting

Selectman Tymniak welcomed Selectman Bateson back and thanked everyone involved in organizing the Memorial Day weekend including the volunteers, Police, Fire and DPW.

23) ADJOURN Selectmen Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary