

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 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: Anthony Calabrese-Parks and Recreation Director, Tom Corell-Forestry Committee, Craig Curley-Chair H. Smith Richardson Building Committee, Phil Dwyer-Chair Board of Education, Joe File-Forestry Committee, Linda Gardner-Budget Director, Mary Hogue-Chair Forestry Committee, Alyssa Israel-Forestry Committee, Bill Mallin-Forestry Committee, Dave McMahon-Forestry Committee, Robert Mayer-Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Minder-Tree Warden, Scott Thompson-Chair Sustainable Task Force, Karen Winget, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Bateson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) MINUTES To consider and act upon the minutes of:
  - i. Regular Meeting of July 11, 2018 (postponed from August 15, 2018)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Selectman Bateson questioned the wording of the last sentence in Item #7 TOWN ATTORNEY. Selectman Bateson said he will review the July 11, 2018, FairTV recording and notify First Selectman Tetreau what was said. Selectman Tymniak said his recollection was it was the Human Resources Director's decision to make not the Board's.

Selectman Bateson motioned to postpone the item to a date certain of the Board next meeting. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- ii. Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 4) APPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:  
Burr Gardens Advisory Committee  
Karen K. Winget (D), 458 Old Post Road, term 11/16 – 11/19  
(to fill a vacancy created by Anna Taylor’s resignation)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 5) SUSTAINABLE FAIRFIELD TASK FORCE  
To hear a report on the Electric Vehicle Showcase and Transportation Fair

Scott Thompson shared notable items which will be exhibited at the Fourth Electric Vehicle Showcase and Transportation Fair; Zero Electric Motorcycles, Torquito Electric Boat Motors, Tesla and Mitsubishi’s Outlander, their first plug in hybrid affordable SUV. Mary Hogue mentioned Connecticut Rides will be there to discuss transportation alternatives. The event will be held at Fairfield Ward High School under the new solar car ports. Attendees may also ride and drive electric bicycles.

- 6) FORESTRY COMMITTEE To hear an update from the Forestry Committee on the Community Forest Management Plan, the BARKart exhibit and the Town Tree Planting Program

Mary Hogue gave the committee’s background which was founded in 2004. They support the Tree Warden, TP&Z, Strategic Planning Committee and the Sustainable Task Force. She displayed aerial views of the abundance of trees in Fairfield. Tree signage will be installed throughout town with the assistance of the Historical Museum, Bike Ped and Parks & Recreation. The Committee has received grants from American the Beautiful to create the signs.

Ms. Hogue displayed the BARK Exhibit photographs which are located in the Sullivan Independence Hall first floor hallway. The photographs are tree bark close-ups and are for sale. The Committee and the Tree Warden are working with students to identify the schools arboretums with signage and help them understand trees importance.

Ms. Hogue spoke about tree health, town trimming and the state mandated tree trimming program. She said thanks to Tree Warden we were able to trim many trees instead of cutting them down and still made it safe.

She introduced the Forestry Committee members Tom Corell, Joe File, Dave McMahon, Bill Mallin, Alyssa Israel and Tree Warden, Jeff Minder.

Tom Corell discussed at length the tree planting program “Let’s Re-Tree Fairfield! Help us get Shade Back on our Streets”. He noted the program’s community involvement and the many benefits of trees.

- 7) **H. SMITH RICHARDSON CLUBHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE**  
To hear an update from the H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse Building Committee

Craig Curley said the Committee has made much progress and have completed the conceptual design phase settling on one concept. He said the Committee will go through a detailed schematic design process and submit the project cost estimate numbers by month end. He said they thoroughly vetted three options; renovations, keep existing building in place and build adjacent and build clubhouse closer to range. Mr. Curley reviewed the infrastructure, obstacles and schedule with the Board. Mr. Curley said the Committee ultimately decided on the tear down of existing building and rebuild with partial overlap which meets the needs without excess. The Board thanked him and discussed some concerns such as infrastructure costs, parking and septic. Mr. Curley described the multipurpose room they were considering which would be a revenue source.

- 8) **CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER (requires Board of Finance approval)**  
To hear, consider and approve modifications to the budget submission process as outlined in the Town Charter, Article XII, §12.2 (C) Variation of procedure.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the CFOs recommended schedule. No second.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to amend the item to read “To hear, consider and approve *the CFO recommended* modifications to the budget submission process as outlined in the Town Charter, Article XII, §12.2 (C) Variation of procedure.” Selectman Bateson seconded the amendment.

Public comment – none.

The main motion as amended carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 9) **TAX COLLECTOR** To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$12,795.88.

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

- 10) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting - none.

- 11) **ADJOURN** Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary