

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 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, Ed Cosgrove, Craig Curley, Heather Dean-RTM District 3, Emmet Hibson-Risk Manager, Stanton Lesser-Town Attorney, Jason Lee, Joseph Michelangelo-Public Works Director, Sal Morabito, Tom Quinn, Hal Schwartz, Ryan Scully-Golf Commission Chair, Humberto Juarez-Fairfield Citizen

- 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 December 5, 2018
 - ii. Special Meeting of December 19, 2018

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Items 3i and 3ii. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 4) APPOINTMENTS
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Edward J. Cosgrove, Jr. (D), term 11/18 – 11/22
(to fill a vacancy for William Pollack whose term expired)

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 5) MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
To hear an update from the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee

Tom Quinn gave a brief timetable and Jason Lee reviewed the town board approval schedule.

- 6) H. SMITH RICHARDSON CLUBHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE (**requires Board of Finance and RTM approval**) To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse Building Committee:

RESOLVED, that the Bond Resolution entitled, “A Resolution Appropriating \$7,300,000 for the Costs Associated with the Construction of New Clubhouse, Renovation of Existing Golf Cart Barn and for Other Site and Grounds Improvements at H. Smith Richardson Golf Course and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance such Appropriation” be, and hereby is, approved.

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

Craig Curley said the committee reduced the project cost by \$300,000, half of the \$600,000 reduction the Board of Selectmen requested at its last meeting, to arrive at \$7,300,000. Selectman Bateson and Selectman Tymniak indicated that they wanted the bond resolution reduced further and suggested removing paving, curbing and milling costs from the bond resolution if Mr. Michelangelo agrees that the work can be performed by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Michelangelo referred to his memo dated November 8, 2018, regarding paving funding. He said if taken on, Public Works would oversee the paving portion but not actually do the physical work, similar to what they do for the public schools, acting like a General Contractor. He said they would need \$280,000 added to the Public Works operating budget to cover the paving costs.

Selectman Bateson motioned to amend the item to remove \$280,000 and paving from the bond resolution, reducing the amount to \$7,020,000. Selectman Tymniak seconded the amendment.

Mr. Curley expressed his concern that if paving is removed from the bond resolution and therefore not funded at this time, that there would be a risk that the paving might not be funded during the budget process. The First Selectman said that what is subject to risk is the amount of paving we do on town roads if \$280,000 of the operating paving budget is to be used for the project. He noted that if the paving is included in the bond resolution there will be no impact on the mill rate. He said if an additional \$280,000 is added to the operating budget on top of what is already budgeted for paving, there would be an impact on the mill rate.

Public comment – Ryan Scully, 241 Lakeview Drive and Golf Commission Chair, expressed the Golf Commission’s support of the project.

There was further discussion on bonding town projects and bonding paving.

The amendment passed 2-1, Selectmen Bateson and Tymniak in favor, First Selectman Tetreau against.

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

- 7) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$40,343.11.

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 8) TOWN ATTORNEY
Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Julian Enterprises vs. Town of Fairfield

Selectman Tymniak motioned to move into Private Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 6:38 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. No votes were taken or motions made.

Selectmen Bateson and Tymniak thanked the attorneys for their presentation and will consider the information.

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

- 10) ADJOURN Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary