

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MAY 1, 2019

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 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: Peter Amas, Kevin Chase, Matt Coleman, Julie DeMarco, Marc Donald, Jennifer Maxham Kennelly, Jason Li, Joseph Michelangelo, Sal Morabito, Mark Schweitzer, David Stein, Scott Thompson

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of: Regular Meeting of April 24, 2019

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

4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Burr, Jennings and Stratfield Elementary Schools' Odyssey of the Mind Teams Heading to the OM World Finals

Jennifer Maxham Kennelly said this is an international competition that teaches students to be more creative when problem solving. Ms. Kennelly said Fairfield BOE sent 18 teams from 7 different schools to the competition and from that three teams earned their way to the World's International Competition to be held Memorial Day weekend at Michigan State University. She applauded the coaches and introduced the teams. The Board congratulated the three teams and wished them the best of luck at the World Championship.

5) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Town of Fairfield's Social Workers

Julie DeMarco introduced the staff and noted their accomplishments and roles. She said they had a great year. The Board thanked the team for all they do for the town and presented a proclamation designating Social Worker's Day.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to move Item 12 out of order. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

12) TOWN ATTORNEY

Private Executive Session - Pending Litigation – Two Items

a. Baron et al vs. Town of Fairfield

First Selectman noted this Item would not be presented tonight.

b. Town of Fairfield vs. Julian Development LLC

Selectman Tymniak motioned to enter into Private Executive Session at 5:21 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 5:45 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. No votes were taken or motions made.

Selectman Bateson motioned to accept Attorney Cohen's recommendation to proceed with the arbitration. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Bateson said he was extremely disappointed in Judge Gordon's interim ruling of the private vs. public arbitration. He contemplated how we could go forward with that if we wanted to continue to try and force a public arbitration hearing and that it would be contrary to the best interest of the town, too expensive, time consuming and couldn't see a positive outcome by prolonging it. First Selectman Tetreau and Selectman Tymniak concurred that it would be best to move forward.

6) FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To hear, consider and act upon a request from the Fairfield Ludlowe High School Building Committee to disband

Mark Donald requested a dismantlement of the Fairfield Ludlowe High School Building Committee. He said all renovations have been successfully completed and the BOE accepted the building January 8, 2019. The Board thanked the building committee and Sal Morabito for all their hard work and dedication.

Public comment – none.

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

7) FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To hear a report from the Fairfield Public Schools on State reimbursement for school projects including the Sherman Project

Sal Morabito requested a postponement.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to postpone to a date certain of the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting of May 22, 2019. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

8) MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To hear an update from the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee

First Selectman Tetreau clarified the BOE has complete authority for re-districting. He said the Board will consider what information they hear tonight over the next few weeks and vote at the next meeting on May 22.

Jason Li explained their objective for the three enrollment options and the developed estimated cost based on the Ed Specs. Peter Amas of Gilbane stated the numbers include site work plus contingency, construction costs, soft costs and that the site work is the same for all three schemes.

Architect David Stein of Silver/Petrucci & Associates presented the 504, 441 and 378 plans. Mr. Stein described the overall project scopes referring to the floor and site plan design variations and then discussed costs among the different schemes. Mill Hill Principal Kevin Chase explained the current use of portables.

Mark Schweitzer of Colliers International reviewed the current and proposed increased parking spaces and traffic analysis results. Mr. Chase gave the current and projected bus increases. The Board expressed concern regarding the traffic design, bus calculations and safety and asked for follow-up items including bus queuing schematics, population projections and police input on traffic.

9) SUSTAINABLE FAIRFIELD TASK FORCE

To hear a report on proposed solar projects at Burr Elementary School, Holland Hill Elementary School, Stratfield Elementary School and Roger Ludlowe Middle School

Scott Thompson explained the four solar projects that have no cost to the town. Mr. Thompson said there is an approximate \$50k annual savings and a lifetime savings of \$900k. He said they have created neighborhood awareness and will go before the PTA and BOE next. Matt Coleman of Davis Hill Development reviewed rates. The

Board requested additional documentation on roof conditions and what the Town is currently paying for existing car ports.

10) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To hear an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Hardening Project

Joseph Michelangelo, Public Works Director, gave a project overview. Mr. Michelangelo explained that the town received a CDBG-DR Grant from the CT Department of Housing for the project and the remaining funding was split by the Town WPCA and the General Fund. He said they will return next month with a funding request for the shortfall when the numbers are finalized.

11) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$49,153.87.

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

13) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting – The next Board meeting will be May 22 not May 15.

14) ADJOURN

Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary