

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES
January 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the first floor conference room of Independence Hall.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau, Selectman Kevin P. Kiley, Selectman Cristin McCarthy Vahey
Others Present: Gerry Speno, Sherri Steeneck and Lucy, Bill McDonagh, Soundview, Robert Hojnacki, Betsy Browne, Genny Reilly, Meg Grosso, Attorney Bob Lotty

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the pledge of allegiance, First Selectman Tetreau asked for a moment of silence for former RTM member and Veteran Joe Gall who has passed away.

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – presented by Sherri Steeneck

As part of the adopt a pet program, Sherri Steeneck introduced Lucy, a one year old dog. There are more animals who need to be adopted. Anyone seeking to adopt a pet can call 254- 4857 or visit the Animal Shelter at 211 Richard White Way.

4) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of December 18, 2013
Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

5) RESIGNATIONS

Police Commission

Thomas J. Dubrosky, (D), 131 Fairfield Place, term 11/12 – 11/17

6) 375th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

To hear an update from the 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

First Selectman Tetreau introduced the 375th anniversary committee co-chairs, Bob Hojnacki and Betsy Browne. Mr. Hojnacki said there are two subcommittees. Judge Dan Caruso and Dorothea Brennan are co-chairs of a food drive that is scheduled for April 26 to April 27 outside RLMS and FLHS. The other subcommittee, co-chaired by Julie DeMeo and Lee Crouch, is working on a gala on November 15, 2014 at Sacred Heart University. Mr. Hojnacki said there is a calendar of events throughout 2014 that will soon be up on the town's website. Ms. Browne said that Fairfield Magazine has issued a 375th commemorative issue. The goal of the food drive and gala and other events is to get the entire town involved. Ms. Browne mentioned some of the partners the Committee has which will hold events close to or during key town events such as the Memorial Day event and Fourth of July.

First Selectman Tetreau added that 375th member Jeanne Harrison is coordinating the painting of some of the town's fire hydrants. First Selectman Tetreau said the goal of the anniversary events is for the community to have fun and for everyone to participate. Selectman Kiley thanked the co-chairs for the update and hard work and said this is another example of the fine volunteerism in our town. Selectman McCarthy Vahey concurred with Selectman Kiley.

7) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount recommended.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion. Selectman McCarthy Vahey amended the item by removing the period after the word recommended and adding a comma followed by \$16,340,45. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 3-0. The main motion, as amended, carried 3-0.

8) To hear, consider and act upon any communications.

First Selectman Tetreau reminded the public about the information session on school security on Thursday at 7:30 pm at FWHS. He said the BOF schedule is out and includes dates of the joint budget sessions with the BOS. He also gave the Selectmen a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

9) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting—There was no other business.

10) TOWN ATTORNEY-Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to enter into private executive session pending litigation at 4:47 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0. Selectman Kiley made a motion to end private executive session pending litigation at 5 pm. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion which carried 3-0. Selectman Kiley made a motion to accept the attorney's recommendation. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

11) ADJOURN

Selectman Kiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 pm. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

