

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES

July 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 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: Cathy Tymniak, Betty Oderwald, Tom Quinn, Soundview, FairTV, Bill McDonagh and Rupert, Sherri Steeneck, Vanessa Marshall, Elizabeth Dillabough, Holly Lanese, Bill Hurley, Don Leslie, Tom Dubrosky, Attorney Bob Lotty

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cathy Tymniak and Betty Oderwald of the DAR led the pledge.

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – presented by Sherri Steeneck

As part of the adopt a pet program, Sherri Steeneck introduced Rupert, a two-year old male dog who is not neutered. The cost to adopt Rupert is \$50 and he can be found at the Town's Animal Shelter, 211 Richard White Way. There are more animals who need to be adopted. Anyone seeking to adopt a pet can call 254- 4857.

First Selectman Tetreau announced the 375th Anniversary Grand Gala on November 15, 2014 at Sacred Heart University and congratulated the 375th Anniversary Committee, especially Jeanne Harrison, for designing the award-winning anniversary float that was featured in the Barnum Parade and Memorial Day Parade. He said the Town will soon make a decision on whether or not to postpone the July 4, 2014 fireworks to July 5, 2014 due to the pending weather.

4) MINUTES To consider and act upon the minutes of:

i. Regular Meeting of June 4, 2014

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

ii. Special Meeting of June 16, 2014

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

5) REAPPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointment:

Ethics Commission (requires unanimous vote of BOS and also RTM approval) Jill Kelly, (R), 158 Redding Road, term 07/14 – 07/16

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion.

Selectman Kiley said Mrs. Kelly has been a leader in the community for decades and she is an exemplary volunteer who has leadership and integrity. He wholeheartedly endorses her nomination. Selectman McCarthy Vahey concurred with Selectman Kiley stating that Mrs. Kelly is the perfect fit for this Commission and she is thankful for her service to the town and on this Commission.

The motion carried 3-0.

6) FIRST SELECTMAN APPOINTMENTS (for information only)

Clean Energy Task Force William S. Leavy, 194 Millard Street (new/tenth seat)

7) BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVAL

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment as recommended by the Board of Library Trustees: Board of Library Trustees Jean F. Kaul, (D), 1158 Mill Plain Road, term 7/14 – 7/20 (to fill a vacancy for Kristen Tierney whose term expired)

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

Elizabeth Dillabough, the Board Chair, spoke on behalf of Ms. Kaul who was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Dillabough said Ms. Kaul has great leadership skills and integrity and supports the library. Selectman Kiley said everyone benefits from the library board's hard work. He added that Ms. Kaul will be a productive addition to the Board. Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked about the process in bringing forth a member to the Selectmen for consideration. Ms. Dillabough said the Board considers an appropriate member and nominates a candidate after interviews by a few board members. The full board then votes on this candidate with a robust discussion. The candidate is offered the position. She added that the Board asks for suggested candidates outside of the Board's suggestions. First Selectman Tetreau said the Board has done a great job making our library one of the most productive and innovative libraries around. He thanked the Board chair for integrating Pequot Library which gives Fairfield a truly functional library system throughout the Town. Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked the past chair for her outstanding work. First Selectman Tetreau agreed with that comment.

The motion carried 3-0.

8) DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

To hear a report from the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Cathy Tymniak, Regent of the Dennie Burr Chapter of the DAR, gave an update on the Fairfield chapter noting that the DAR is celebrating 120 years of service to the public. Mrs. Tymniak reviewed the numerous upgrades the DAR paid for with their own money to the Old Academy as a gift to Fairfield for the Town's 375 anniversary. She said the Old Academy served as the Town's first library. She noted all the wonderful things the DAR does throughout Town including replacing a dead lilac tree, cleaning the Old Academy windows, having over 4000 students visit for free tours and planting 250 daffodils.

Betty Oderwald, DAR member reviewed the anniversary year noting how the DAR collects old flags in a new mailbox put up in Old Town Hall, held a tea in March to honor high school student winners with the Good Citizen Award, awards to essay writers in April, the grand re-opening, undertaking financial duties for the 375 food drive, collaborating with the Tree Warden in helping to plant two new dogwoods at the Bronson Cemetery, a May cleanup, winning a trophy float at the Memorial Day Parade, a plaque made to honor Veterans at local cemeteries without markers, getting the flag in front of Old Town Hall painted and the Fourth of July ceremonies as well as an open house at the July 5th FunFest. She also discussed upcoming events in September and a ceremony after the annual November 11 Veteran's Ceremony and one after the annual Tree lighting ceremony. Mrs. Oderwald thanked DPW and Gerry Lombardo and also thanked the Town for its cooperation.

First Selectman Tetreau thanked the DAR for donating the large flag at the pole in front of Old Town Hall. He thanked the DAR for all the good things they do for the Town. Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked the DAR for its great work and for keeping history alive and remembering our Veterans and war heroes. She is pleased the Old Academy is used to teach young girls. Selectman Kiley thanked the DAR for the events they hold and for the update. He said this update is a great reminder on our Town's heritage and history. He said the Old Academy looks great and thanked the DAR for keeping awareness alive and never forgetting our soldiers.

9) FAIRFIELD VETERANS' INFORMATION AND ADVISORY SERVICE

To hear a report from the Fairfield Veterans' Information and Advisory Service Vanessa Marshall, Member of Post 143 and the only person who works at and runs Fairfield's Veterans and Advisory Center, said this service was set up after WWII. Ms. Marshall works from home because no one had come to the Reef Road Post. Her job is to help Veterans get benefits they're entitled to and noted many don't know they're entitled to benefits. She discussed which agencies she works with and how she assists Veterans. She currently has 84 cases from Trumbull and Fairfield which she serves plus additional towns since she turns no one away. She performed outreach at the Senior Center.

First Selectman Tetreau thanked Ms. Marshall noting the struggles of his army brother's friends after they come home from war. Selectman Kiley thanked Ms. Marshall and said she's an important resource for Veterans. Ms. Marshall said Veterans can call 378-0700 from 10 am to 8 pm Monday through Sunday. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said as a wife, daughter and granddaughter of Veterans she thanks Ms. Marshall for her work. She asked the age of Veterans Ms. Marshall helps. Ms. Marshall said she doesn't see many new Veterans returning home. She mostly sees older Veterans. She thanked the Town for its funding. First Selectman Tetreau asked if a letter from the Town to the State Delegation asking for funding would help. Ms. Marshall said it may be too late but if not, she'll let the First Selectman know. Selectman Kiley thanked First Selectman Tetreau for putting the DAR and this item on the agenda as they tie into July 4th. He said these items bring good community awareness.

10) FAIRTV OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE (postponed from June 16)

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the FairTV Operational Committee: WHEREAS, the FairTV Operational Committee intends to seek grant

funding from the Cable Advisory Council Area 2 for the support of Education Programming; AND WHEREAS, the FairTV Operational Committee intends to seek grant funding from the Cable Advisory Council Area 2 for the support of Government Programming; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with a request from the FairTV Operational Committee, the First Selectman be, and hereby is authorized to approve applications to the Cable Advisory Council Area 2 for the support of Education and Government programming, to execute any documents necessary to facilitate the Town's participation in said grants, and to administer any grant funds provided in connection therewith. First Selectman Tetreau said FairTV Chair Jim Kennelly asked to postpone this item to the next meeting because he wasn't able to attend today's meeting.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to postpone the item to the next regular meeting of July 16, 2014. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

11) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Public Works: RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects."

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

Engineering Manager Bill Hurley said the only significant change in this agreement is on page 12, section 4.7 on Suspension, Postponement, or Termination of a DOT-Administered Rights of Way Project. Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked if different towns initiate a temporary easement process. Mr. Hurley said they do. Selectman Kiley asked if the Town Attorney reviewed this agreement. Mr. Hurley said the Town Attorney looked at it but doesn't know if he had further comments. First Selectman Tetreau asked Mr. Hurley if any town dollars are involved in this agreement. Mr. Hurley said no town dollars are involved. First Selectman Tetreau summarized that this agreement defines a standing working relationship with the Town and State on projects.

The motion carried 3-0.

12) TAX COLLECTOR

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

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the item. Selectman McCarthy Vahey made an amendment to remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$6,794,14. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

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

First Selectman Tetreau reminded the public to vote for Fairfield as Connecticut's favorite Town as part of the State's annual FanFave Vote Campaign.

13) TOWN ATTORNEY-Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation

At 5:39 pm, the Selectmen entered into private executive session pending litigation with Attorney Bob Lotty.

At 5:55 pm, the Selectmen came out of private executive session. Selectman Kiley made a motion to accept the attorney's recommendations. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

14) To hear, consider and act upon any communications

There were no communications.

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

There was no other business.

16) ADJOURN

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary

