

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING FINAL MINUTES**  
**August 26, 2014**

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 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: Others Present: Scott Bartlett, Steve Lobdell, Genny Reilly, Soundview, FairTV,  
Tom Dubrosky, Andy Kosch, CJ Vinas and Family, Susan Barrett, Ruth Smey, Barbara Rifkin,  
Chief Dick Felner, Joe Michelangelo, Attorney Bob Lotty, Wendy Bentivegna,

Mary Carroll -Mirylees, Attorney Courtney Stabnick

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – presented by Sherri Steeneck  
There was no pet.

4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Fairfield Woods Middle School Student Cecilia (CJ) Vinas for Winning the 3rd Annual National Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids' "State Dinner" Contest and for Being Recognized by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

First Selectman Tetreau read a proclamation which the Selectmen then issued to CJ Vinas.

Before discussing item five, First Selectman Tetreau announced that on September 6, 2014 from 10-4, Beardsley Zoo is holding Fairfield Day and any Fairfield resident can get in for \$5. First Selectman Tetreau also reminded the public about the 375<sup>th</sup> Grand Gala on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart University. Tickets go on sale September 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are \$150 each. The event is entirely funded by sponsor and ticket sales. First Selectman Tetreau also said that there will be a Fairfield Night at the Bluefish this Saturday and Selectman Kiley will throw out the first pitch.

5) FIRST SELECTMAN APPOINTMENTS (for information only)

Gustave Whitehead First In Flight Advisory Committee

Beverly A. Balaz, Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

Richard J. Gribko, 58 Grasmere Avenue

Michael A. Jehle, Fairfield Museum and History Center

Andrew J. Kosch, 300 Linwood Avenue

Melanie A. Marks, 3808 Redding Road vi. Adam S. Mocchiolo, 75 Stone Ridge Way

Carol J. Way, 324 Villa Avenue

First Selectman Tetreau said he wanted to find a way to recognize and immortalize Gustave Whitehead who lived in Bridgeport and Fairfield and flew his plane in Bridgeport, Fairfield and

Stratford. The Committee may propose developing a trail to help the region, state, culture and local economy. Andy Kosch will be the Chair along with the above mentioned names. First Selectman Tetreau said the History Center has Whitehead documents and archives.

## 6) APPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:

a) Fire Commission Barbara P. Rifkin, (D), 38 Crest Terrace, term 11/13 – 11/18 (to fill a vacancy for Charlene Lebo who resigned)

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

Selectman McCarthy Vahey said Barbara Rifkin has a long resume of service. Selectman Kiley thanked Ms. Rifkin for her years of dedicated service to the Town. First Selectman Tetreau said he served with Ms. Rifkin on the RTM and other projects and they worked well together. First Selectman Tetreau said Ms. Rifkin comes from a tremendous family.

The motion carried 3-0.

b) Police Commission Susan P. Barrett, (D), 122 Wilton Road, term 11/09 – 11/14 (to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Sidney Postol)

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

Selectman Kiley thanked Ms. Barrett for her volunteerism and noted her service goes back many years. He noted her dedication to the Town and State. Selectman McCarthy Vahey echoed her colleague's sentiments and said she appreciates Ms. Barrett's service. First Selectman Tetreau said Ms. Barrett got him involved in politics and she is a tremendous community volunteer. First Selectman Tetreau said Ms. Barrett will take over the position of Sid Postol, the father of Ms. Rifkin. Ms. Barrett got up to speak and said she started her service with the Town with PAL.

The motion carried 3-0.

## 7) FAIRFIELD HALF MARATHON

To hear a report from Steve Lobdell on the economic impact of the Fairfield Half Marathon on the Town.

Steve Lobdell gave the Selectmen a handout and said the marathon started in 1981 when firefighters started a road race for the American Cancer Society. The race grew from 165 runners to about 7000 runners. Two events are now held. The goal is to give back to the community. Mr. Lobdell noted the great cooperation among police, fire and DPW. He discussed the economic impact of the proceeds from the race which are given to local group and in some instances to the Town.

First Selectman Tetreau said this is a tremendous showing of leadership and giving back. Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked Mr. Lobdell and the firefighters. She said she's a runner and this race is a community builder and supports great causes. Selectman Kiley said

partnerships formed with other agencies and challenging the schools to participate provides incentive and leadership.

#### 8) DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

To hear a report on the Computer Inventory and Equipment Replacement Plan.

Due to a personal family issue, the IT Director was not able to attend and the item will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### 9) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To hear a report on the Vehicle Replacement Plan.

DPW Director Joe Michelangelo gave the Selectmen a handout with seven capital requests that were approved by town bodies. He said there are 48 vehicles that cost over \$100,000 that are in various stages. DPW did a total review of functions with different optimal service levels on each vehicle. DPW proposed a five year capital plan of purchases to get to these levels.

Selectman Kiley asked why 54 instead of 48 vehicles are listed on the schedule. Mr. Michelangelo said some vehicles are new, some have not arrived yet and some are going. Selectman Kiley said the numbers seem rounded up and similar and he asked if there are opportunities to purchase multiple trucks of the same type at the same time. Mr. Michelangelo said there is no incentive or savings if vehicles are ordered at the same time. The numbers are the same because they are the same type of vehicles. Selectman Kiley said it's good to see DPW is catching up on the roads and they are doing a good job. Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked how many vehicles are priced at below \$100,000. Mr. Michelangelo said the vehicles discussed today are capital items and DPW is working on a similar plan for vehicles under \$100,000. DPW Superintendent Scott Bartlett said there are about 100 vehicles under \$100,000. Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked how often street sweepers are used. Mr. Bartlett said they are used three times daily in the spring over a four month process. Fairfield Center is swept every week and other commercial centers in town are swept every two weeks. DPW is looking at privatizing the sweeping of the northern section of town. Selectman Kiley asked First Selectman Tetreau if this is the largest approved capital outlay ever since it appears there have been a few years of higher than normal capital plan approvals for DPW vehicles over \$100,000. First Selectman Tetreau said this plan will help the Town catch up with DPW vehicles. Selectman Kiley asked if the finance department could look at leasing vehicles. Mr. Bartlett said it costs a lot to lease but DPW could look at leasing and compare to what is done now.

#### 10) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To hear a report on the Water Pollution Control Authority's Capital Plan.

Mr. Michelangelo said WPCA is a stand alone budget so it's never been included in the water fall chart so DPW is requesting it be in that chart. First Selectman Tetreau said by not having WPCA in the budget its fees are kept out of the tax rate. Mr. Michelangelo described the sewer system which he said was designed very well. Selectman Kiley asked if DPW would consider a national consultant to give an alternative view on new technologies. Mr. Michelangelo said WPCA had a selection process and picked a consultant. Selectman McCarthy Vahey who is a voting member of the WPCA, a requirement of the Town Charter for a BOS member to serve on, said she is grateful for the information that town bodies will be looking at. First Selectman

Tetreau thanked Mr. Michelangelo for working with the CFO and helping the WPCA to help meet its obligations.

11) FAIRFIELD CARES COMMUNITY COALITION (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Fairfield Cares Community Coalition: “RESOLVED, that funds be transferred from an increase in grant revenue in the amount of \$5,675 to cover the cost of programs sponsored by Fairfield Cares Community Coalition, Fairfield’s Local Prevention Council, which develops alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention and suicide prevention initiatives; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project (RYASAP). These costs are 100% reimbursable by a 7/1/14-6/30/15 State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Grant to Local Prevention Councils, administered by RYASAP.”

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

Coalition Co-Chair Selectman McCarthy Vahey discussed accomplishments of the Coalition. Selectman McCarthy Vahey gave background on how the Coalition was formed, its goals and she described where funds come from and how they are being spent. Co-Chair Wendy Bentivegna reviewed subcommittees of the Coalition which is a town body coordinated prevention of substance abuse for teens. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said the Coalition did a lot with such a small grant.

Selectman Kiley thanked the Coalition for helping the younger community make positive choices and said the younger the Coalition can get to the better. First Selectman Tetreau concurred with Selectman Kiley and asked how many years the Town has received this grant. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said since 1988. She noted that RYASAP recently awarded the coalition.

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

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made an amendment to remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$3,397.49. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

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

13) TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation (2 items)  
Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to enter into private executive session pending litigation at 5:55 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion unanimously.

(The Selectmen were in private executive session with Attorney Courtney Stabnick until 6:20 pm and they were in private executive session with Attorney Bob Lotty from 6:20-6:35 pm).

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to end private executive session at 6:35 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to accept each Attorneys' recommendations. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

14) ADJOURN

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary

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