

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES
October 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 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: Judy Ewing, Soundview, FairTV, Sherri Steeneck and Sparkle, Bill McDonagh, Tom Dubrosky, Marty Schwartz, Joanne McMullen, Attorney Bob Lotty, John Comeford, Cass Shaw

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – presented by Sherri Steeneck

As part of the adopt a pet program, Sherri Steeneck introduced Sparkle, a two-year old female dog. She 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 gave the Selectmen a handout from BOF member Jim Walsh who asked the First Selectman to give it to the Selectmen to review prior to the October 7, 2014 BOF meeting. The BOF will propose a policy for the fund balance for the Town.

First Selectman Tetreau also highlighted recent press on any tax or sewer use bills are now allowed to be paid at any People's Bank; a public informational meeting on the Mill River cleanup; Restaurant Week; and tickets on sale for the Towns' 375th Grand Gala on November 15th.

First Selectman Tetreau explained why he pulled the Penfield Building Committee funding resolution off today's agenda. He said more work needs to be done on the financial analysis for this project, especially relating to details on FEMA. He said cost components are critical to this part of the process. The item will be put on the November 5th BOS agenda. First Selectman Tetreau noted it would be helpful if the PBC gave updates to the BOF and RTM in October.

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

i) Regular Meeting of August 6, 2014

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 2-0-1, Selectman Kiley abstaining.

ii) Special Meeting of August 26, 2014

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

5) RESIGNATIONS (for information only)

Parking Authority Patricia A. Carroll, (D), 159 Ross Hill Road, term 11/09 – 11/14 (Resignation Date: 09/01/2014)

6) APPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:

Town Facilities Commission (requires RTM approval)

a) John Comerford, (R), 145 Vesper Street, term 07/13 – 07/16 (alternate) (to fill a vacancy for Sol Briks who resigned in the prior term)

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

Selectman McCarthy Vahey said she had the opportunity to speak to Mr. Comerford and is grateful he is serving. Selectman Kiley thanked Mr. Comerford for his volunteer service on this important board. First Selectman Tetreau said the timing of Mr. Comerford's appointment is important as the TFC will be doing more work on projects.

The motion carried 3-0.

b) Stephen Pitaniello, (U), 147 Trillium Road, term 07/12 – 07/15 (to fill a vacancy for Nicholas F. Caruso who resigned)

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

First Selectman Tetreau said Mr. Pitaniello has a tremendous background and comes highly recommended.

The motion carried 3-0.

7) COUNCIL OF CHURCHES-To hear a report from the Council of Churches.

Cass Shaw, President and CEO of Council of Churches, gave the Selectmen a report on the organization which has provided serves in the Greater Bridgeport region for 70 years. She noted how Fairfield gives \$5000 in funding that is used for youth in crisis, some of whom are from Fairfield. Ms. Shaw discussed the Council's range of services and said she is very proud 98% of the youth they serve do not go into the Juvenile Justice System.

First Selectman Tetreau asked about the organization's name. Ms. Shaw said it's a member organization, with 60 member congregations, volunteers and decision makers that provide financial support. It's Christian in nature but nonsectarian. It's different from other organizations because it provides beds before youth are caught up in the system. The Council of Churches goes to the youth-to their schools-and has a 24-hour hotline and is bi-lingual.

Selectman Kiley asked Ms. Shaw to explain the Council's services to intervene with youth versus the Juvenile Justice System. Ms. Shaw said the Council primarily does counseling and refers youth to other appropriate agencies and helps parents too. Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked Ms. Shaw and noted she had been a social worker. She said she is thrilled the Council of Churches helps youth stay out of the Juvenile Justice System. She noted she co-chairs

Fairfield Cares and then asked which Fairfield agencies the Council partners with. Ms. Shaw said she's too new to the role to answer but will get the answer. Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked what types of schools-public or private or high schools or other levels the caseworkers go to. Ms. Shaw said the caseworkers go to three or four Bridgeport schools but would love for them to go to more schools. Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked what funding sources the Council uses. Ms. Shaw said foundations, major donors and federal government grant contract. She thanked Fairfield for its contribution to help the Council do its work.

8) KENNEDY CENTER-To hear an update from the Kennedy Center.

Marty Schwartz, President and CEO, introduced Joanne McMullen, Vice-President of Development. Mr. Schwartz went through a powerpoint presentation noting that the Kennedy Center was established in 1951. He discussed its purpose, mission statement, and serving people ages zero to older adults with special needs or disabilities through a variety of services. There are three divisions, 755 employees and over 2000 consumer annually. Mr. Schwartz discussed the annual operating budget, a variety of programs, including The Autism Project. The Kennedy Center offers school transition services, travel training services, and businesses that provide training as well as employment services, rehabilitation services, a caregiver program, a senior options program and a down syndrome and Alzheimer's program. Mr. Schwartz said the Center serves a variety of populations.

Selectman Kiley thanked Mr. Schwartz and asked him to email his powerpoint presentation to the Selectmen. Selectman McCarthy Vahey also thanked Mr. Schwartz and asked how the Center works with other transit agencies. Mr. Schwartz said the Center works with all types of taxi voucher systems and there's a volunteer system. The Center works with GBT and a variety of others. The Center has over 120 vehicles of its own.

9) 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 motion.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made an amendment to remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$8,197,40. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

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

10) TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to enter private executive session pending litigation at 5:20 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to adjourn private executive session pending litigation at 5:35 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

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

11) To hear, consider and act upon any communications.
There were no communications.

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

13) ADJOURN
Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary
