

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES
December 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 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: FairTV, Soundview, Sal Trifilio, Genny Reilly, Susan Barrett, Ruth Smey, Deb Greenwood, Mike Zembruski, Tara Cook-Littman, John Mitola, Craig Van Steenberg, Judy Ewing, Holly Lanese, Tim Macklin, Patty Palmer, Roger Autuori, Charles MacDonald, Bob Lotty, Rick Aiken

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.

Before item four, First Selectman Tetreau announced that the Town and Chamber of Commerce is holding their 2nd annual Shop & Stroll on December 11th. First Selectman Tetreau also spoke about the Town recognizing the anniversary of Sandy Hook and how residents are encouraged to perform acts of kindness on and around the date of Sandy Hook in remembrance of those whose lives were lost that day. The First Selectman wished Gerry Speno of FairTV a Happy Birthday.

4) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19, 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)

Board of Finance

- i. Catherine C. Albin, (D), 2457 Burr Street, term 11/11-11/17 (Resignation Date: December 3, 2014)
- ii. Kenneth J. Brachfeld, (D), 2493 Redding Road, term 11/09-11/15 (Resignation Date: December 3, 2014)

6) FIRST SELECTMAN REAPPOINTMENTS (for information only)

a) Conservation Commission

- i. James K. Lucey, (U), 316 Katona Drive, term 11/14–11/19 (alternate)
- ii. Kathleen N. Maxham, (D), 553 North Benson Road, term 11/14–11/19
- iii. Raymond P. Poincelot, (R), 882 Reef Road, term 11/14–11/19 (alternate)
- iv. Charles A. Rowan, (U), 8 Philemon Street, term 11/14–11/19 (alternate)

b) Employees Retirement Board (**requires RTM approval**) Geoffrey Mullen, (R), 2739 Bronson Road, term 11/14-11/19

c) Fairfield Housing Authority Maureen K. Delaney, (U), 15 Pine Tree Lane, term 11/14-11/19, resident

7) REAPPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments:

- a) Fire Commission Craig B. Van Steenberg, (R), 292 Riverside Drive, term 11/14-11/19
- b) Flood and Erosion Control Board Richard S. Dmochowski, (U), 241 Colonial Drive, term 11/14-11/19
- c) Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (**requires RTM approval**) Mitchell Fuchs, (D), 202 Melody Lane, term 11/14-11/18
- d) Parks and Recreation Commission Alexa A. Mullady, (R), 143 Rolling Hills Drive, term 11/14-11/19
- e) Police Commission Susan P. Barrett, (D), 122 Wilton Road, term 11/14-11/19
- f) Shellfish Commission Richard E. Ferrari, (D), 153 Figlar Avenue, term 11/14-11/19
- g) Solid Waste and Recycling Commission (**requires RTM approval**) Robert Stilson, (R), 103 Orchard Hill Drive, term 11/14-11/18

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve 7a-g. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked everyone for continuing to serve. She said GBT needs a Fairfield representative who's either a Republican or Unaffiliated voter to serve on its Board. First Selectman Tetreau thanked the members of each board for continuing their service as did Selectman Kiley.

8) FIRST SELECTMAN APPOINTMENTS (for information only)

Fairfield Citizen Corps Council Daphne Dixon, 177 Sigwin Drive, Coordinator (Appointment Date: 11/20/2014)

9) APPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:

- a) Board of Finance
 - i. Tara Cook-Littman, (D), 160 Stella Lane, term 11/09-11/15 (To fill a vacancy for Kenneth Brachfeld who resigned)
 - ii. John Mitola, (D), 21 Surrey Lane, term 11/11-11/17 (To fill a vacancy for Catherine Albin who resigned)

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve item 9a. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

Selectman Kiley thanked both candidates. He said he knows Mr. Mitola through his service on other town boards and he talked with Mrs. Cook-Littman about the importance of the Board of Finance. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said the Town is very fortunate to have the skill sets of both candidates that will make the Board stronger. She acknowledged the tremendous job of Catherine Albin and Ken Brachfeld. First Selectman Tetreau said Mr. Mitola brings a good perspective from his past roles on the Board of Education and RTM to the Board of Finance. First Selectman Tetreau said Mrs. Cook-Littman is active in state government and brings a good balance to this Board. Mrs. Cook-Littman said she looks forward to bringing community experience to this Board and is

grateful to give back to the Town. Mr. Mitola thanked the Selectmen and said he looks forward to serving.

b) Police and Fire Retirement Board

Kenneth J. Brachfeld, (D), 2493 Redding Road, term 11/14 – 11/17 (To fill a vacancy for Frederick Shaefer whose term expired)

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve item 9b. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked Fred Schaefer for his service. Selectman Kiley said Mr. Brachfeld is coming back to the board of his expertise that he started with before serving on the Board of Finance. First Selectman Tetreus said Mr. Brachfeld brings expertise to the Board.

The motion carried 3-0.

c) Shellfish Commission

Timothy Macklin, (U), 41 Bel Air Lane, term 11/14 – 11/19 (To fill a vacancy for Sarah Harold whose term expired)

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to approve item 9c. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey thanked Mr. Macklin for serving and said this Commission is important to the culture, heritage and health of our Town. Selectman Kiley thanked Mr. Macklin for stepping up. First Selectman Tetreau said this Commission has been very involved in the Mill River Cleanup.

The motion carried 3-0.

d) Solid Waste and Recycling Commission (**requires RTM approval**)

i. Charles P. MacDonald, (U), 320 Old Mill Road, term 11/12-11/16 (To fill a vacancy for Sheila Dravis who resigned)

ii. Patty A. Palmer, (U), 357 South Street, term 11/14-11/18 (To fill a vacancy for Virginia Casey who resigned in the previous term)

iii. Anthony J. Santacapita, (U), 43 Lakeview Place, term 11/14-11/18 (To fill a vacancy for Paul Krumins whose term expired)

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve item 9di-iii. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion.

First Selectman Tetreau said any registered voter is welcome to serve on a Town board. Selectman Kiley thanked the three candidates for stepping up and looks forward to working with them. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said how impressed she is with the depth and breadth of the experience of Town residents who serve on all the boards. Ms. Palmer thanked the Selectmen.

The motion carried 3-0.

10) CENTER FOR FAMILY JUSTICE-To hear a report from the Center for Family Justice First Selectman Tetreau announced that all proceeds from this year's Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival will go to the Center.

President and CEO Deb Greenwood gave the Selectmen two handouts about the Center. She talked about the Center located at 753 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport with a satellite office at the Fairfield Senior Center. The Center provides several services and programs for people of all ages. Mrs. Greenwood thanked the Town for providing funding to the Center. She stressed the Center's strong partnerships with the Fairfield police, Fairfield educators, social services, the library and many town employees and residents who volunteer.

Mrs. Greenwood discussed clients served by the Center's free programs and services. She said the Center is a Victim's Advocate and anyone has access to hotlines any time of the day every day of the week. There is a safe house. The Center works with the batterer, victim and children. All cases are individualized and there is no extended time for services. The Center helps educate and train communities. 163 students received free preventative education at both high schools. Mrs. Greenwood discussed the various community events the Center holds to raise awareness and alleviate violence. The Center had trained over 1000 local college students to raise awareness. She said Fairfield is a lead town in so many ways. She said that next October there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Center for Family Justice that integrates all services so clients don't have to go to several different places to receive help. It will be the first Justice Center in Connecticut.

Selectman Kiley thanked Mrs. Greenwood very much for all she and the Center does for our town and said the Center provides tremendous efforts for our Town. He liked how everyone is working together on having zero tolerance for violence. Selectman McCarthy Vahey also thanked Mrs. Greenwood for her report and said she deeply admires the work the Center does and wants to continue to support the Center's efforts. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said the number of cases in Fairfield is too high and it's a reminder how violence affects all socio-economic backgrounds and it is an issue to continue to address in our community and bring it out in the open like it is at today's meeting. Mrs. Greenwood said numbers of incidents are underreported. Everything the Center does is confidential. First Selectman Tetreau reiterated that the new Center for Family Justice will be a one-stop place for anyone needing help. He asked Mrs. Greenwood what numbers someone would call who needs confidential help. Mrs. Greenwood said either 203-334-6154 or 211 and the Center's website has information. First Selectman Tetreau complimented Mrs. Greenwood on raising awareness in our community on domestic abuse and sexual assault as well as bullying and elder abuse. He said the Center is a great help to the Town because it provides additional services that the Town cannot provide.

11) ELECTION PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARGE

To hear, consider and approve a charge for the Election Process Review Committee Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion.

Selectman Kiley said this process is important to review and the Charge addresses all the issues. He asked if 60 days is sufficient time for the Committee to report back to the Selectmen or if the timing in the Charge should be left open. He asked about election technology and if it should be in the Charge or come out of the Committee's work. First Selectman Tetreau said 60 days seems

sufficient but if the Committee needs more time they can come back to the Selectmen. He said this Committee and Charge are about trust and integrity in and of the election process and this is not a witch hunt. He said he received more calls about this past Election than any other in the time he's been First Selectman. First Selectman Tetreau said the Committee is being formed to give ideas and suggestions to the Registrar of Voters who will be left to decide to implement these recommendations. Selectman Kiley agreed this is not a witch hunt, but the Committee is being formed to raise awareness. He supports the Committee and Charge. Selectman McCarthy Vahey appreciates the time limit, but is aware it's the holiday season. She is not aware of any data from previous elections and knows issues have occurred in other elections. She asked if the Registrars have a way of tracking over time data from past elections.

Registrar of Voters Roger Autuori said moderators are given diaries. Some keep good notes and some do not and there's no data in one place. First Selectman Tetreau said he was on the phone with both political party chairs discussing issues that came up in this year's election. He said there may not be as many issues as some think but he wants to ensure everyone's vote counts. Selectman McCarthy Vahey said there's always room for improvement and noted that same day registration occurred for the first time this past Election Day so it was something new in the process. She said everyone should continue to work together. First Selectman Tetreau said the Town owes it to voters, candidates and volunteers to have confidence in the election process.

The motion carried 3-0.

12) ELECTION PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE (postponed from 11/17/2014)

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments to the Election Process Review Committee:

- i. Catherine C. Albin, (D), 2457 Burr Street
- ii. Bryan T. Cafferelli, (R), 129 College Place
- iii. Ronald D. Pine, (R), 36 Highlawn Road
- iv. James F. Quinn, (D), 508 Wilson Street

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve item 12i-iv. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion.

Selectman Kiley made an amendment to change the (F) next to James F. Quinn's name to (D). Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked if the First Selectman's office will coordinate the first meeting. First Selectman Tetreau said yes and soon. He said he reached out to both party chairs and they suggested these candidates.

The motion, as amended, carried 3-0.

13) AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE (postponed from 11/17/2014)

To hear a report from the Affordable Housing Committee on the Affordable Housing Plan.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to postpone the item to a date certain of December 17, 2014. Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

14) FIRST SELECTMAN

To review and modify the FairTV Operational Committee Charge revised by the Board of Selectmen on June 16, 2014

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

Selectman Kiley made an amendment to change the last sentence in the Fair TV Operational Committee Charge to read, "This Committee shall terminate March 31, 2015." Selectman McCarthy Vahey seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

The motion, as amended, carried 3-0.

15) FIRST SELECTMAN

Board of Selectmen meeting dates for Calendar Year 2015:

January 8* and 21	July 1 and 15
February 11 and 18	August 5 and 19
March 4 and 18	September 2 and 16
April 1 and 22	October 7 and 21
May 6 and 20	November 4 and 18
June 3 and 17	December 2 and 16

*Thursday

Selectman McCarthy Vahey asked if any dates fall on religious holidays. First Selectman Tetreau said to the best of his knowledge all dates were checked.

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

16) FIRST SELECTMAN

Budget Meetings for Calendar Year 2015:

a) Board of Selectmen Joint* Public Budget Hearing Dates:

March	03 Tuesday
	05 Thursday
	10 Tuesday
	12 Thursday
	18 Wednesday
	19 Thursday
	24 Tuesday

*Joint with Board of Finance – 7:30 pm

b) Board of Selectmen Public Executive Budget Session and Vote (no public comment):

March 30	Monday (2:00 pm)
March 31	Tuesday (back up date)

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

17) 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 delete the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$8,159.01. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

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

18) TOWN ATTORNEY-Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation (2 items)

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to enter into private executive session to discuss pending litigation at 6:03 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to end private executive session at 6:25 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.

19) ADJOURN

Selectman McCarthy Vahey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary
