

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES
May 28, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 pm. on Thursday, May 28, 2015, in the first floor conference room of Independence Hall.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau, Selectman Kevin P. Kiley, Selectman Sheila H. Marmion

Others Present: Julia DeMeo, Rachel Mitchell, Isabel Chediak, Brett Dammeyer, Sean Gutierrez, Brian Damp, Tom Reindel, FairTV, Soundview, Joe Michelangelo, Scott Bartlett, Ginna Paules, Stanton Lesser, Dick Dmochowski, Sonal Rajan

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Mike Tetreau called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, First Selectman Tetreau called for a moment of silence for the man found on the train tracks and also asked for positive thoughts be sent to the FWHS student who was in a car accident and is in critical condition.

3) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Fairfield Ludlowe High School Students for Placing 1st in the Junior Achievement of Western CT High School Business Challenge Competition

Julia DeMeo, Director of Development for Junior Achievement of Western CT, thanked the Selectmen for honoring the students. She described the challenge.

First Selectman Tetreau noted this is the second year a Fairfield team of winners has come before the Selectmen. He said this is a great program and an opportunity for students to get this experience at an early age. Selectman Marmion congratulated the team for their achievement. She asked if the team teaches other students with problem solving. One of the students said his team uses their experience in a management class. First Selectman Tetreau asked what the most challenging aspect of the competition. One of the students said some of the economic circumstances are challenging. Selectman Kiley congratulated the team and said they are a very impressive group of young people which is a reflection of their parents and teachers. He said it's great to know your future leaders. The Selectmen issued certificates of congratulations to the coach and students.

4) RECOGNITION-National Public Works Week

DPW Director Joe Michelangelo said National Public Works Week is sponsored by the American Public Works Association. He said DPW takes after police and fire in terms of being a team. He is impressed with the amount of activities in Fairfield and how it is a full service community. He is very glad to serve the town.

DPW Superintendent Scott Bartlett then discussed paving. He encouraged people to sign up for CodeRED so they could get called when roads are being paved. Mr. Bartlett discussed the type of paving, how it's used and the process DPW uses. He encouraged citizens to call DPW if they have any concerns or questions with paving.

Selectman Marmion said if she called could DPW tell her when her road will be paved. Mr. Bartlett said yes and would also explain the paving procedure. Selectman Marmion values the science of how DPW paves and how resourceful they are with cost savings.

She also praised the department for working with the Town during budget season and thanked the department for all they do. Selectman Kiley thanked the department for all they do and said the Town should be proud. He noted a lot of DPW work is not noticeable to the public. He asked how many roads needing repair will be paved in miles this year. Mr. Bartlett explained the total number of road miles that are worth service life and the goal is to get to that number. Paving jobs aren't done at once. Selectman Kiley also likes the science behind the paving. First Selectman Tetreau issued a proclamation proclaiming National Public Works Week in the Town of Fairfield. He noted how Selectman Kiley brought this important week to First Selectman Tetreau's attention.

5) **RESIGNATIONS (for information only)**

a) Board of Library Trustees

Jean F. Kaul (D), 1158 Mill Plain Road, term 7/14 – 7/20
(Resignation Date: March 13, 2015)

b) Land Acquisition Commission

Jay M. Adams (U), 80 Adley Road, term 11/13 – 11/17
(Resignation Date: May 1, 2015)

6) **FIRST SELECTMAN APPOINTMENTS (for information only)**

Parking Authority

Elise V. McKay (D), 148 Ludlowe Road, term 11/14 – 11/19
(To fill a vacancy for Patricia Carroll who resigned in the previous term)
(Appointment Date: May 1, 2015)

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

Sonal Rajan (D), 411 Lenox Road, term 7/14 – 7/20
(to fill a vacancy for Jean Kaul who resigned)

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion.

Selectman Kiley thanked Ms. Rajan for volunteering. He said she has a great background in marketing and social media. Selectman Marmion said Ms. Rajan has a great resume and the library is fortunate to have her join their Board. First Selectman Tetreau noted how much our libraries offer.

The motion carried 3-0.

8) **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** To hear a status report on paving
See item four.

9) **DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION (requires RTM approval)**

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Parks and Recreation:

RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to apply for the 2015-2017 Fairfield Youth Services State Grant in the amount of \$28,985 per year for two years

and to execute such documents as are necessary to facilitate such application; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town match funds for said grant in the amount of \$28,985 are already contained in the FY 2015-2016 budget in Personnel Services and shall be included in the FY 2016-2017 budget in Personnel Services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of such grant, grant funds may be expended as set forth in the grant documents.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion.

Ginna Paules, Youth Services Director and Program Director for Parks and Recreation, said these are matching funds and already budgeted for. The funding supports many town youth council events. The funding helps provide many positive youth activities and programs which leads to positive youth development. Selectman Marmion asked how someone can find out about the Council. Ms. Paules said information is on the Town's website and in the Department's brochure sent out to all households.

The motion carried 3-0.

10) **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval) (postponed from May 6, 2015)**

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Public Works:

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-383, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town Of Fairfield accept from the State a grant in a sum not to exceed \$2,316,000 in order to undertake a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery – Tranche 2 Project, Fairfield Waste Water Treatment Plant Hardening, and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and that the acceptance by the Town Of Fairfield of a Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant to be used for Fairfield Waste Water Treatment Plant Hardening in an amount not to exceed \$2,316,000 is hereby approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to execute any and all necessary documents to secure said grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a bond resolution entitled 'A Resolution Appropriating \$3,088,000 for the Costs Associated with Construction of Berm and Pumping Station and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance such Appropriation,' be, and hereby is, approved.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion.

DPW Director Joe Michelangelo said these funds will also protect other town facilities near the Water Pollution Control Facility. The treatment plant would be water resilient with this funding. Last night, the WPCA voted to fund 50% of outstanding costs for this project. Mr. Michelangelo said 75% of this project is covered by a federal grant so the total cost of the project is \$772,000 for the Town minus the WPCA using \$386,000 from its reserve fund leaving the Town to fund the remaining amount. The town would use funding from its general fund and bond the project.

Dick Dmochowski, Vice-Chair of WPCA, said this project is one of 12 segments of the WPCA's plan to mitigate flooding in the beach area. The WPCA fully supports this project. Selectman Kiley, a member of the WPCA, showed the Selectmen handouts from the WPCA meeting that included diagrams.

The motion carried 3-0.

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WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town Of Fairfield accept from the State a grant in a sum not to exceed \$2,500,000 in order to undertake a Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery – Tranche 2 Project, Water Pollution Control Microgrid, and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and that the acceptance by the Town Of Fairfield of a Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant to be used for the Water Pollution Control Microgrid in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 is hereby approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to execute any and all necessary documents to secure said grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a bond resolution entitled 'A Resolution Appropriating \$2,500,000 for the Costs Associated with Installation of Microgrid and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance such Appropriation,' be, and hereby is, approved.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the item. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion.

Mr. Michelangelo discussed the purpose of the microgrids, its components, the operation when the grid is up, and the operation when the grid is down. This project costs \$2,500,000 and 100% of the costs are reimbursed with no local match require. The microgrid project will involve installing wiring and connections to enable facilities to use off-grid electricity for a maximum of 30 days. It must be implemented in conjunction with the plant hardening project. It also connects to other facilities at the site.

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.

There were no tax refunds.

13) TOWN ATTORNEY-Private Executive Session - Pending Litigation

Selectman Kiley made a motion to enter into private executive session regarding pending litigation at 5:35 pm. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to end private executive session at 5:53 pm. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Selectman Marmion made a motion to accept the Town Attorney's recommendation. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

14) ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary
