

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES
July 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 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: Andy Brophy, Joe Michelangelo, Barry Culp, FairTV, Soundview, Dick D, Rick Grauer, Mary Hogue, Dick Dmochowski

1) CALL TO ORDER

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

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, First Selectman Tetreau announced that the Town's fireworks are Friday, July 3rd with a raindate of July 4th

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

4) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of:

- i. Special Meeting of May 28, 2015
- ii. Regular Meeting of June 3, 2015
- iii. Special Meeting of June 24, 2015

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve item 4i-iii. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

5) REAPPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments:

Town Facilities Commission (requires RTM approval)

- i. Stephen Pitaniello (U), 147 Trillium Road, term 07/15 – 07/18
- ii. Rodney J. Van Deusen (D), 157 Longdean Road, term 07/15 – 07/18

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve item 5i-ii. Selectman Marmion seconded the Motion.

Selectman Marmion asked how the TFC is doing. First Selectman Tetreau said it's still evolving. He is looking to get feedback from the TFC.

The motion carried 3-0.

6) FIRST SELECTMAN APPOINTMENTS (for information only)

Employees Retirement Board (requires RTM approval)

John B. Mahoney (U), 520 Fulling Mill Lane North, 11/12 – 11/17

(To fill a vacancy for Sanford Herman who resigned)

7) MILL RIVER CLEANUP

To hear a report on the Mill River Cleanup project from TRC Solutions, Inc.

Barry Culp, Project Manager for TRC, the contractor for Exide, showed a slideshow on the project. He discussed the five areas that are currently being worked on. Area V was completed last winter. Mr. Culp then gave a summary of work. He said dredging began in Area III on March 23, 2015 and was completed May 15, 2015. Area I dredging will take place

from May 16, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Area II began on June 30, 2015. The goal is to complete all the dredging this year. Area IV will be done once Area II is complete.

Mr. Culp explained how materials from the river are pumped out and run through a treatment plant on the site. This system has run flawlessly so far. Mr. Culp showed the Selectmen a photo of the turbidity monitor. He discussed the dredge cell sediment results and environmental protection monitoring. The plan will be complete late October with Area IV dredging then samples will be collected from the entire river to see if goals were achieved. A report will then be sent to DEEP and if approved TRC will set up and find landfill space.

Selectman Marmion asked about landfill expenses. Mr. Culp said TRC is looking at landfills in a few states. He said space in a landfill for disposal is needed. Selectman Marmion asked if there were any surprises in the volume of materials that are coming out. Mr. Culp said there is not. First Selectman Tetreau said all this work is done at Exide's expense—the Town bears no cost for this cleanup. Selectman Kiley asked where material that's be collected is and how it's being collected. Mr. Culp said Area II is stored in separate geotextile tubes that will be tested off-site then brought to a landfill if materials are non-hazardous. If hazardous, materials go to treatment and are disposed of. Everything is safeguarded. All materials are leaving the site. There is a security guard at the site. Selectman Kiley asked about Conservation's role. First Selectman Tetreau said DEEP has a formal role in this project. Conservation has no formal Role, but is monitoring the project along with FairPlan, the Shellfish Commission and Harbor Management Commission who are all involved and get copied regularly on updates. Selectman Kiley asked if the project is moving forward properly and to everyone's approval. Mr. Culp said yes. Selectman Kiley asked for a tour of the site. Mr. Culp said he could arrange that in late August or in September. First Selectman Tetreau said the objective of this project is to just remove the lead. Selectman Kiley asked Mr. Culp for the estimated date the project will be done. Mr. Culp said by late next summer.

8) FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

To hear an update from the Flood and Erosion Control Board

Flood and Erosion Control Board Chair Rick Grauer gave the Selectmen a written report on the Fairfield Flood Mitigation Plan. The Board held public meetings that were well attended. The Board's objective is to stop flooding and end it quickly. The Board met with the FBRA. Mr. Grauer showed the Selectmen a large diagram on flood prevention measures that were broken up into 12 segments. Selectman Marmion asked about letters on consideration of a natural dune at the Fairfield Beach Club. Mr. Grauer said that's still up in the air and his Board is working toward something. Mr. Grauer noted an amendment was made to the report and that new section is online with the rest of the report. Mr. Grauer then went through each segment and the next steps stating the Board is looking for the Town's guidance on how much protection it wants for 75, 100 and 500 year storms. The Board also met with South Pine Creek residents. Selectman Marmion asked about eminent domain. Mr. Grauer said that's always a factor. First Selectman Tetreau said a very high berm would cause some of people's private property to be lost and there would be cost factors involved with a berm. He offered his office assisting the Board with promoting future meetings. First Selectman Tetreau asked Mr. Grauer if he's spoken with Congressman Himes on his study. Mr. Grauer said he has not. First Selectman Tetreau said he would like the Board to add the Himes Study in this report as part of the plan. He suggests Mr. Grauer talk to town counterparts to see if they are doing as much work as Fairfield's Flood and Erosion Control Board is doing. Selectman Kiley thanked Mr. Grauer and his Board. He likes the concept going forward on more stakeholders being part of this process. Selectman Marmion thanked the Board for the amount of research and work it is

doing. She agrees with First Selectman Tetreau in sharing Fairfield's knowledge with other towns.

9) **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)**

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Fairfield to complete a Wastewater Facilities Planning Study including an overall comprehensive evaluation of the water pollution control facilities, collection system and pump stations; and

WHEREAS, the cost of preparing such a study is \$748,205, where \$740,944 is eligible for 55% reimbursement through a Federal EPA Clean Water Fund Planning Grant and 50% of the remaining balance (\$170,343) will be funded by the Water Pollution Control Authority Reserve Balance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield appropriate \$170,253 toward the cost of preparing a Wastewater Facilities Planning Study; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, is Duly authorized to enter into and sign contracts on behalf of the Town of Fairfield with the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy & Protection for the purpose of obtaining a Federal EPA Clean Water Fund Planning Grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto to secure said grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a bond resolution entitled 'A Resolution Appropriating \$748,205 for Costs Associated with a Wastewater Facilities Planning Study including a Comprehensive Evaluation of the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility, Collection System and Pump Stations 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.

First Selectman Tetreau made an amendment to delete paragraphs two and three in the resolution and replace it with "WHEREAS, the cost of preparing such a study is \$748,205, where \$740,944 is eligible for 55% reimbursement (\$407,519) through a Federal EPA Clean Water Fund Planning Grant and the remaining balance of \$340,686 is to be split equally (\$170,343) between the Water Pollution Control Authority and the Town of Fairfield" and also change "FURTHER RESOLVED" in what is now paragraph three to start with "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" and to also add the word "Environmental" after Connecticut's Department of Energy..." in what is now paragraph three."

Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

The resolution now reads:

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, is duly authorized to enter into and sign contracts on behalf of the Town of Fairfield with the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the purpose of obtaining a Federal EPA Clean Water Fund Planning Grant; and

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DPW Director Michelangelo said the last Facilities Plan was completed about 18 years ago. WPCA is in the process of moving this along. DEEP is a funding partner. This study looks at the entire system and leads to answers down the road and helps the Town with the direction it can go. Selectman Marmion asked if this is year 18 out of a 20-year horizon when would this be done if approved. Mr. Michelangelo said the study would be done right away after all board approvals. Selectman Marmion said this study will stop some issues and costs down the road by looking at all the wastewater facilities now. Mr. Michelangelo said there's an advantage to plan fixing any problems all at once if issues are found in the study. Mr. Michelangelo said the town match will be split. Selectman Kiley said WPCA wanted to participate so not all the costs will be taken from taxpayers' dollars. Selectman Marmion asked how the last survey was done. Mr. Michelangelo said he is not sure. Selectman Marion asked if the Selectmen could get that answer to get a perspective. Mr. Michelangelo said he would look into this.

The motion, as amended, carried 3-0.

10) TAX COLLECTOR

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

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

Since there were no tax refunds to approve First Selectman Tetreau made a motion to withdraw the motion. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

11) To hear, consider and act upon any communications.-None

12) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting.—None

13) ADJOURN

Selectman Kiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter
Recording Secretary
