

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINALMINUTES

October 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, in the first floor conference room of Independence Hall.

Members Present: Selectman Sheila H. Marmion, Selectman Kevin P. Kiley

Members Absent: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau

Others Present: Claire Ervin, Dr. Linda Paslov, Sherri Steeneck and Daisy, Bill McDonagh Mark Barnhart, Marlene Battista, Stanton Lesser, FairTV, Soundview, Eileen Kennelly, Joe Olzacki, Jason Prevelige, Keith Gallinelli, Ann Katis and husband, Heather Dean, Scott Thompson, Bob Lotty

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Selectman Marmion called for a moment of silence for First Selectman Tetreau's brother who had passed away.

### 3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – Presented by Sherri Steeneck

As part of the adopt a pet program, Sherri Steeneck introduced Daisy, a one-year old female dog who's very friendly. She costs \$50 and can be found at the Town's Animal Shelter, 211 Richard White Way. Anyone seeking to adopt a pet can call 254- 4857.

### 4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 11, 2015

Dr. Linda Paslov, DAR Regent, gave the Selectmen some handouts. She said that nationally the National Society of the DAR is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year on October 11, 2015. The Fairfield DAR Chapter is 121 years old. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, the DAR will honor the national anniversary by holding several activities at the Old Academy. The Fairfield DAR's key themes are promoting education, historic preservation and patriotism. Dr. Paslov invited the public to the Old Academy on October 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate. She said the public can go to

[www.eunicedennieburrdar.org](http://www.eunicedennieburrdar.org) to sign up for free activities on October 11th. Claire Ervin, the House Chair for the Old Academy, said the Fairfield Chapter wrote a thank you letter to DPW to thank them for their help and support in the maintenance of the Old Academy. Selectman Kiley said our DPW department is great and the Old Academy looks great. He congratulated the Fairfield DAR on the national anniversary and holding the event. Selectman Marmion said the Old Academy is a beautiful building. She asked how someone can become a member and how many members now exist. Dr. Paslov said one must be 18 years or older and has to prove her lineage to a patriot or to people who worked for the Town. The DAR has a registrar and assistant registrar to assist a woman to find out if she is qualified to be a member. Currently, there are about 100 members. The DAR performs a lot of community service. The Old Academy has about 5000 visitors a year. Eunice Dennie Burr helped build the Old Academy but only if girls could go to school along with boys. Selectman Marmion read and issued a

proclamation to Dr. Paslov and Mrs. Ervin proclaiming October 11, 2015 as Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter of the National Society of the DAR Day in the Town.

Before voting on item 5, Selectman Marmion announced that the BOS are conducting its annual Fairfielder and Employee of the Year awards. She said when nominations are due and how the public can nominate a worthy candidate.

5) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of September 16, 2015  
Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

6) APPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Ann R. Katis (D), 996 Old Post Road, term 11/14 – 11/16

(to fill a vacancy for Elizabeth B. Gardner who resigned)

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

Selectman Marmion asked Ms. Katis why she is interested in serving on this Committee. Ms. Katis said she has a true interest in pedestrian issues. She runs daily and likes to bike all over town. Selectman Kiley thanked Ms. Katis for volunteering to serve and said she will be a great asset to the Committee. Selectman Marmion said it's great Ms. Katis is so engaged on a personal level.

The motion carried 2-0.

7) OTHER APPOINTMENTS (for information only)

Fire Chief

Denis M. McCarthy

(Appointment Date: August 31, 2015)

8) DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To hear a report on Restaurant Week

Community and Economic Development Director Mark Barnhart said Fairfield is holding its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Restaurant Week. A record number 41 restaurants from all over Town are participating the week of October 11-17. He discussed partnerships, activities, events and sponsors. Mr. Barnhart said the public can once again get their passport stamped to enter into a drawing. Selectman Kiley was impressed with the number of restaurants participating. He said it's a wonderful list of restaurants and noted he saw some new ones that weren't previously involved. Mr. Barnhart said the public can share a photo at a participating restaurant to enter into the drawing.

9) NORMA PFRIEM BREAST CENTER-To hear a report on Pink Pledge

Marlene Battista, a resident volunteer, spoke on behalf of the Norma Pfriem Breast Center which is located at 111 Beach Road. She talked about the Pink Pledge that involves the entire town. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Battista said this year marks the Center's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pink Pledge seeks to help raise awareness in the community and

raise funds for the Center. Starting last February, the Center collaborated with many departments in the Town to turn the town pink this month. One example is turning one of the police cars pink with survivors or family members who lost those to breast cancer signing the car with a note. A fire truck was turned pink. Ms. Battista thanked the sponsors and merchants for their help and support. She discussed Pink for a Purpose where proceeds go to the Center. She gave the Selectmen a calendar of events for October. The calendar is broken out into three categories: shop, dine and sweat. The Center is asking the whole community to take the pledge. The committee for these events in October reached out to Fairfield's universities and schools and residents. Residents can get a Pink It Up Starter Kit to pink up their homes this month. Ms. Battista said the public can go to [www.pinkpledge.org](http://www.pinkpledge.org) to get the kits. She said the response to these efforts has been amazing. There's been a real community spirit. Selectman Marmion said the Committee which includes the Center has done a tremendous job and really likes that anyone can get involved. She said what the Fairfield community has done says a lot about our town. Selectman Kiley thanked Ms. Battista and everyone who helped on everything taking place this month. He said it's great to bring everyone together in a meaningful way.

10) STRATFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT-To hear a report from the Stratfield Fire Department Joe Olzacki, President and Past Chief of the volunteer department, introduced Jason Prevelige, the current Chief. Mr. Olzacki said this volunteer department works closely with Fairfield's fire department. He noted there is another volunteer fire department in town. This department serves Fairfield and surrounding communities. It's a 501c3 and relies on donations. The department is involved in community events like races, a Day in the Sun, an open house this Saturday and gives out 1000 bags of candy and important information on Halloween. Mr. Olzacki talked about how members give back to the community. They are trained and certified by the State. Many have become career fire and police in town, throughout the state and country. Selectman Marmion said she lives in the neighborhood where the fire house is located and her kids love the Halloween event. She asked what takes place during the open house. Mr. Olzacki said it's a learning day. Selectman Marmion thanked the department for its service to the Town. Selectman Kiley thanked the department for protecting our town. He asked how many members there are. Mr. Olzacki said 45. Selectman Kiley asked how one can learn about this department or support it. Mr. Olzacki said the public can go to [www.rescue15.com](http://www.rescue15.com) or the Stratfield Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page.

11) **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (postponed from September 16, 2015)**

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

RESOLVED, that a solar power purchase agreement between the Town of Fairfield and Greenskies for the purpose of erecting a photovoltaic electric generation system on the roof of Mill Hill Elementary School at 635 Mill Hill Terrace for the sole benefit of Mill Hill Elementary School, the term of the agreement being twenty years, be, and hereby is, approved.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to postpone the item to a date certain of the next regular meeting which is October 21, 2015. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

12) CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Clean Energy Task Force:

RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield a Memorandum of Understanding with the Connecticut Green Bank for an \$18,000 Clean Energy Communities Program grant, said grant funds to be used to lease an electric vehicle, purchase and install a charging station at Jennings Beach, purchase two electronic charging stations from United Illuminating one of which will be relocated, and purchase Clean Energy promotional items such as LED bulbs.

13) CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE (**requires Board of Finance and RTM approval**)

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Clean Energy Task Force:

RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, is hereby authorized to expend \$18,000 to lease an electric vehicle, purchase and install a charging station at Jennings Beach, purchase two electronic charging stations from United Illuminating one of which will be relocated, and purchase Clean Energy promotional items such as LED bulbs, said funds to be one hundred percent reimbursed by a Clean Energy Communities Program grant.

The Selectman heard a combined presentation on items 12 and 13. Town Attorney Stanton Lesser said item 12 authorizes the First Selectman to sign the MOU. No other town body approvals are needed for this item. Item 13 does need to go before the Board of Finance and RTM. Selectman Kiley thanked Scott Thompson, Chair of the Fairfield Clean Energy Task Force. He also thanked everyone who worked on the energy savings programs for the Town. Selectman Marmion asked who uses the electric vehicle the grant funds will allow the Town to buy. Mr. Thompson said the Town will use it.

Selectman Marmion made a motion to combine items 12 and 13. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

Selectman Kiley made a motion to approve items 12 and 13. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

14) H. SMITH RICHARDSON CLUBHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARGE  
(**postponed from September 16, 2015**)

To hear, consider and approve a charge for the H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse Building Committee.

Selectman Marmion made a motion to postpone the item to a date certain of the next regular meeting which is October 21, 2015. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

15) 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 Marmion seconded the motion.

Selectman Marmion made an amendment to delete the period at the end of the sentence and a comma followed by \$13,995.13. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried 2-0.

The main motion, as amended, carried 2-0.

16) TOWN ATTORNEY-Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Selectman Kiley made a motion at 5:29 pm to enter into private executive session pending litigation. Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

Selectman Marmion made a motion to end private executive session pending litigation at 5:44 pm. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

The Selectman both accepted the Attorney's recommendation.

17) To hear, consider and act upon any communications.

There were no communications.

18) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting.

There was no other business.

19) ADJOURN

Selectman Kiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm . Selectman Marmion seconded the motion which carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary

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