

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES  
March 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the first floor conference room of Independence Hall.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau, Selectman Laurie A. McArdle, Selectman Christopher W. Tymniak  
Others Present: Brian Carey, Genny Reilly, Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Deputy Fire Chief Kyran Dunn, Erik Kalapir, Chris Tracy, FairTV, Soundview, Jude Fitzgerald, Sheila Tesei, Mary Hogue, Sam Mouzyk, Karen Backus, Dr. Evan Tilley, Michele Connelly, Firefighter Jerry McGuire, Lt. Phil Higgins, Scott Thompson, Paige Herman, Heather Dean, Tom Dubrosky, Joseph P. Cafferelli, Bill Schietenger, Bob Mayer, members of the Fire Department

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Selectman McArdle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – presented by Sherri Steeneck

There was no pet.

4) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of February 17, 2016  
Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

5) RECOGNITION

Recognition of the Town of Fairfield being designated a Heart Safe Community by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health

6) RECOGNITION

Recognition of two citizens who initiated care and AED deployment at a cardiac incident at the YMCA

Fire Chief Denis McCarthy discussed both items five and six. He gave background on the award and thanked all the private citizens, AMR, and the Fire Department for their contributions to making Fairfield a HEARTSafe community. He said responses to some emergency calls involved AEDs which ties into item 6, the two good Samaritans who used an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and CPR to save a man's life at the YMCA. That man is now in recovery. He does not want his name mentioned. While he is grateful for the care he received he requests that he remain anonymous. He will forever be indebted to Fairfield's first responders who helped save his life. He cannot put into words the gratitude that he feels towards all of them.

Chief McCarthy again thanked everyone involved for their pre-hospital care which is what this award is all about. Fire Chief McCarthy said he is proud of Fairfield's firefighters, including Firefighter Jerry McGuire who led his crew to help save the male at the YMCA along with the two Samaritans and AMR.

Fire Chief McCarthy then introduced Michele Connelly, HEARTSafe Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Medical Services at the CT Department of Public Health. The Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) sponsors the program. Ms. Connelly discussed the program and showed one of the ten signs that will be placed around the Town. She said Fairfield is the 117<sup>th</sup> Town in the State to become a HEARTSafe designated community. The program's goal is to increase survival rates of a person. Ms. Connelly presented the Board with a letter and certificate from the Health Commissioner. First Selectman Tetreau said the work of the Fairfield community is phenomenal. Selectman Tymniak said this award is fantastic and it's great to have AED machines. He encouraged all citizens to find a CPR class to help save a life and to know how to use an AED. First Selectman Tetreau issued proclamations to the two good Samaritans, resident Dr. Evan Tilley and Sam Mouziyk, an YMCA employee.

First Selectman Tetreau then surprised Firefighter Jerry McGuire with a proclamation for his efforts in helping the Town earn the Heart Safe Community designation since he oversees the EMS program and played a large part in the Town receiving this award. Firefighter McGuire discussed how he got involved with the Fire Department and described what he does which he said is all worthwhile to do.

7) **RESIGNATIONS (for information only)**

Clean Energy Task Force

Stephanie A. Weiner (D), 44 Concord Street  
(Resignation Date: February 3, 2016)

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

Conservation Commission

Milan G. Bull (U), 2325 Burr Street, term 11/14 – 11/19 (alternate)  
(Appointment Date: February 17, 2016)

9) **APPOINTMENTS**

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:

Police Commission

Joseph P. Cafferelli (U), 129 College Place, term 11/15 – 11/20  
(to fill a vacancy for Walter Flynn whose term expired)

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve the item. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Selectman Tymniak said he is excited to have Mr. Cafferelli join the Police Commission. He said Mr. Cafferelli has been an active member of the community for some time. He is a Fairfield Beach Residents Association (FBRA) member and will add great contributions to the Commission. Selectman McArdle said she appreciates Mr. Cafferelli stepping up to serve. She said he has a great business background and will bring a lot to this role since he lives in the beach area which has an ever evolving situation there. Paige Herman, President of the FBRA, said she is very grateful about this appointment. As president of the association and a long-time resident of the beach area, she is happy to have someone serve on the Commission who truly understands the problems at the beach.

First Selectman Tetreau said he talked to Mr. Cafferelli and was impressed, but said he has trouble supporting this appointment for process reasons. He'd be happy to support Mr. Cafferelli if it didn't mean a political balance change on the Commission. First Selectman Tetreau told Mr. Cafferelli that his decision not to support him was not personal.

The motion carried 2-1-0, Tetreau against.

Selectman Tymniak congratulated Mr. Cafferelli.

#### 10) CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

To hear a report on the Town's new residential solar program

Scott Thompson, Chair of the Task Force, said Fairfield applied and has been accepted into a new solar energy program which he then described. Mr. Thompson said the program launches on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He gave the Board a flyer and said the event is being held in the beach area because there are many homes in this area that are good candidates to have solar panels.

First Selectman Tetreau thanked Mr. Thompson for his dedication and for making clean energy as a priority in our community. Selectman Tymniak asked who the vendor is. Mr. Thompson said All Green it Solar. Selectman Tymniak encouraged more people in town to get involved because by participating electricity bills are lowered. Selectman McArdle said it's good to save money. She asked if this program is only four months. Mr. Thompson explained the program and noted how there will be other events to promote this program. He also said the vendor gives discounted rates because of volunteer support. Selectman McArdle asked for a status update on the solar panels at the TMS roof. Mr. Thompson said there is not space on the roof to get up to the 250kw level to use this grant so the grant will go by the wayside. First Selectman Tetreau said Mr. Thompson's statement is consistent with what Ed Boman has said.

#### 11) CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

To hear a status report on Labor Negotiations

CFO Bob Mayer gave an update on four union contracts. He discussed the Nurses, ECC, Professional and Technical and Public Works contracts. He said there has only been an active discussion with the ECC union. The nurses have been reached out to and their first meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup>. With Public Works, the Town is waiting for the Attorney to return since the attorney has been out on a leave of absence. Mr. Mayer said he hopes to have the four contracts finalized by next September/October which is good because the Town will then need to prep for the Police/Fire contracts next January. Selectman Tymniak said he appreciates Mr. Mayer giving this report and most of his questions were answered at last night's BOF/BOS budget hearing.

#### 12) CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

To hear an update on department head searches for Human Resources, Purchasing and IT  
CFO Mayer said he is the point person on all three department head searches. He's doing his best to fill all of these positions. The Purchasing and HR positions have been advertised, candidates have been interviewed and there are four finalists and the Town is close to making offers. Regarding IT, the Town has enlisted the help of CohnReznick LLP. The job description has been updated and posted. The Town received over 200 resumes and the Town has narrowed that number down to 20. Interviews will begin next week.

Mr. Mayer said 20 town department heads and sub-department heads took a survey on what they felt they needed in the Town's IT Department.

13) TAX COLLECTOR

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

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve the item. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Selectman Tymniak made an amendment to delete the period at the end of the sentence and a comma followed by \$3,420.55. Selectman McArdle seconded the amended which carried 3-0.

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

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

There was no other business.

15) ADJOURN

Selectman McArdle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary