

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL MINUTES  
March 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 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: Soundview, FairTV, Tom Dubrosky, Sal Morabito, Tom Cullen, Genny Reilly, Coach Jason Shaughnessy, FWHS wrestlers and parents, Seth Fry, Sol Briks

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) MINUTES-To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of March 2, 2016  
Selectman McArdle made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of two Fairfield Warde High School students for their accomplishment of winning the New England Wrestling Championships.

Coach Jason Shaughnessy spoke about the Kane brothers who are both undefeated. First Selectman Tetreau thanked the Coach for all he does for our youth. First Selectman Tetreau asked Tim Kane, a junior, and Charlie Kane, a senior, how they got into wrestling. Charlie Kane said their father got them into the sport in the first and second grade. Charlie Kane said his dad always told his sons to work hard no matter what. The Coach then described all the awards the Kane brothers won this year and the previous year. He said both have strong careers and these brothers are very dedicated, working hard year-round. The Coach thanked the parents.

Selectman McArdle asked Charlie Kane if he will continue wrestling in college. Mr. Kane responded yes. Selectman McArdle congratulated both brothers. Selectman Tymniak said this is a fantastic accomplishment and shows real dedication. He congratulated the Coach. He and Selectman McArdle congratulated the parents. Selectman Tymniak said this sport teaches skills that are needed past high school. The Coach stressed how important extracurricular activities at school are and how they contribute so well to students' lives.

The Selectmen then presented certificates of congratulations to the Kane brothers.

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

Affordable Housing Committee

Richard J. Gribko (D), 58 Grasmere Avenue, term 11/13 – 11/17

(Resignation Date: March 8, 2016)

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

Clean Energy Task Force

James A. Marren (U), 75 Puritan Road

(to fill a vacancy for Stephanie Weiner who resigned)

7) **APPOINTMENTS**

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:

a. Affordable Housing Committee

Sol Briks (R), 785 Church Hill Road, term 11/15 – 11/19

(to fill a vacancy for Stephen Grathwohl whose term expired)

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

Selectman Tymniak said he is excited that Mr. Briks is still willing to serve his Town. He has done a fantastic job serving in many capacities for many years. Selectman McArdle seconded what Selectman Tymniak said and thanked Mr. Briks for serving again. First Selectman Tetreau noted how Mr. Briks has served on many committees and thanked him for his active participation and leadership.

The motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Briks said through his involvement with other committees he has been involved in various funding requests relating to affordable housing. He feels he will bring a good balance to this committee.

b. Zoning Board of Appeals

Charles D. Zylstra (R), 2527 Bronson Road, term 11/13 – 11/17 (alternate)

(to fill a vacancy for Terrence Keegan who was elected as a full member)

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

Selectman McArdle thanked Mr. Zylstra for stepping up to serve. Selectman Tymniak said growing and nurturing another great citizen to get involved is important. First Selectman Tetreau said he had a good phone call with Mr. Zylstra and his real estate background is important.

The motion carried 3-0.

8) **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (requires RTM approval)**

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as requested by the Superintendent of Schools:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield (1) establish the School Safety and Security Building Committee; (2) authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project; and (3) authorize the Board of Education to file an application for a school building grant.

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

First Selectman Tetreau said this item relates to school security measures contained in the non-recurring projects. First Selectman Tetreau said this item has been funded, but it is needed to implement so the Town can receive 27% of state reimbursement.

The motion carried 3-0.

9) SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARGE

To hear, consider and approve a charge for the School Safety and Security Building Committee. Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve the item. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

First Selectman Tetreau asked Sal Morabito from Central Office if the Selectmen's approval of this item covers all the schools listed in the Charge. Mr. Morabito answered yes. First Selectman Tetreau said 16 schools are funded by non-recurring projects. He said this Charge and the Ed Specs allow for a multi-school application and reimbursement. Selectman Tymniak asked how many members are on this committee. Mr. Morabito said five. First Selectman Tetreau said he checked with the Chair of the Special Projects Standing Building Committee and the Chair said that Committee can handle both this project and the FWMS roof project.

The motion carried 3-0.

10) FIRST SELECTMAN

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the First Selectman:

RESOLVED, that the Special Projects Standing Building Committee shall serve as the School Safety and Security Building Committee (SSSBC) for the purpose of planning, coordinating and supervising safety and security improvements at all Fairfield Public School facilities.

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

The motion carried 3-0.

11) 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 remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$9,383.29. Selectman McArdle seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

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

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

Selectman Tymniak echoed First Selectman Tetreau's earlier wishes that everyone have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day tomorrow.

13) ADJOURN

Selectman McArdle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 pm. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary