

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
FINAL MINUTES  
May 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 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: Beth Ulman, Chris Hisey, FairTV, Soundview, Eileen Kennelly, Don Peterson, Ken Jacobs, Tim Burke, Dr. Evan Tilly, Officer Jim Wiltsie Heather Dean, Tom Dubrosky, Paul Gleason, Patrice Klein, Fairfield High School Boys Varsity Hockey team members and parents, Bob Lotty

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, First Selectman recognized Teacher's Appreciation Week.

3) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Fairfield High School Boys Varsity Hockey Winning the CT State Division II Ice Hockey Championship

First Selectman Tetreau called up the Fairfield High School Boys Varsity Hockey which is made up of 23 players, a head coach, two assistant coaches and a freshman student manager. First Selectman Tetreau thanked Mike Beccaria, a parent of one of the players who was helpful in organizing today's celebration. He also thanked Tom Emmendorfer, another parent and Team secretary, who has been a tremendous help to everyone on the Team.

First Selectman Tetreau noted how this outstanding team went 19-5-1, the most wins in program history. The Team beat three of the most powerful teams in the County in the same season. In late March, in overtime, the Team won the Connecticut State Champions at Yale in front of a crowd of about 4000 people.

Team Captain Charlie Pippert thanked the Selectmen and Town for honoring the Team. He spoke about their hard work and their big win and how proud he is of his Team. Each Selectmen praised and congratulated the Team for this outstanding achievement and noted how proud they make our Town. The Selectmen then issued Certificates of Congratulations to each member and all the coaches.

4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of National Safe Boating Week

Tim Burke, Flotilla Commander for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary 77 thanked the Town for this opportunity. He said the Auxiliary rents a building on the beach and serves the public, teaching classes for over 30 years. The Auxiliary has other responsibilities with the Coast Guard. Mr. Burke noted that May 21-May 27 is National Safe Boating Week. He noted how Fairfield has a lot of waterfront and many boats and a sailing school that the Auxiliary assists.

Mr. Burke then introduced Ken Jacobs, Deputy Assistant National Commodore-Diversity, Division Chief-Training, User Support Directorate and Coordinator for Auxiliary 4 and 10 "C" schools. Mr. Jacobs discussed the Coast Guard noting there are about 30,000 members in the

U.S. Coast Guard. The Auxiliary is an arm of the Coast Guard and it augments the Coast Guard's mission except in the area of law enforcement. Mr. Jacobs said there have been many boat accidents so National Safe Boating Week draws attention to boat safety and preventing accidents.

First Selectmen Tetreau then read a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 21-May 27 as National Safe Boating Week.

#### 5) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of April 6, 2016

Selectman McArdle made a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

#### 6) APPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:

##### Golf Commission

- i. Paul R. Gleason (R), 119 Hunter Road, term 4/16 – 4/21  
(to fill a vacancy for Ryan Morris whose term expired)
- ii. Patrice A. Klein (D), 73 Alden Street, term 4/16 – 4/21  
(to fill a vacancy for Edna Albrecht whose term expired)

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve item 6i. and 6ii. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Selectman McArdle thanked both candidates for stepping forward to serve. Selectman Tymniak said he is excited to add Mr. Gleason to this Commission. First Selectman Tetreau noted how Ms. Klein's father had worked at the golf course for many years and he served with her father on the RTM in the early 1980s. He thanked Ms. Klein for honoring her family's tradition of serving and also thanked Mr. Gleason for serving.

The motion carried 3-0.

#### 7) POLICE MARINE UNIT

To hear a report from the Fairfield Police Marine Unit regarding a Public Awareness Campaign to Kickoff National Safe Boating Week

Officer Jim Wiltsie of the Fairfield Police Marine Unit said the police has overseen the marine unit along Long Island Sound for over 50 years and the marine unit also oversees docks in Town and the Pequot Yacht Club. Officer Wiltsie said there will be a public awareness campaign to kick off National Safe Boating Week on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the marina. It is free to the public and runs from 9-1 pm. He said this was the idea of Don Peterson, Commander of the Penfield Sail and Power Squadron, the local Squadron of the U.S. Power Squadrons. Officer Wiltsie said the marine unit wanted to expand this day and has gotten Bass Pro Shop and DEEP's Boating Safety Division to attend. This day is meant to spread awareness on boat safety along Fairfield and Southport's coast. Officer Wiltsie said this day is education through enforcement and noted how many recreational boaters forget about boat safety equipment and what to do in an emergency. The campaign will teach proper tubing and water skiing techniques. Parking is free and no sticker is needed. Free boat inspections will be given.

Selectman McArdle said this is a great idea and great way to kick off National Safe Boating Week. She said she didn't know all these services were offered. She asked if the Marine Unit coordinates with the Auxiliary. Officer Wiltsie replied yes.

Selectman Tymniak said it's great that these services are offered and it's one of the many good things Fairfield's Police Department does for the Town's citizens. Selectman Tymniak noted that May 14<sup>th</sup> is Bike Safety Day that the Police Department is holding and giving out free helmets.

8) GREATER BRIDGEPORT YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

To hear a report from the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras on Contributions and Benefits to Fairfield.

Beth Ulman, Executive Director of the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras (GBYO) gave the Selectmen handouts and a CD on GBYO. Chris Hisey, Music Director, went through a power point presentation each Selectman received a handout on. Mr. Hisey gave a brief history of the GBYO and how it started its own 501 C3 process after being affiliated with the Bridgeport Symphony. In 1991, Bob Genualdi and Dorothy Straub moved most of the GBYO activities to Fairfield. He spoke about the number of students and the active relationship with the Town. He said GBYO enhances the school's music departments. GBYO offers free concerts to the Town and has participated in Pequot's lawn concert series and Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration. Mr. Hisey said when people attend concerts in Fairfield they also dine and shop in Fairfield and because GBYO serves 29 towns people from those towns tend to stay in Fairfield during and after concerts to eat and shop. Mr. Hisey thanked the Town for being a home to GBYO. Ms. Ulman briefly played some of the music the students perform. Selectman Tymniak asked when the next big concert is. Mr. Hisey said one is May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Klein and Ms. Ulman said another concert is on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Pequot on the lawn and it is free to the public.

9) 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 \$33,797.02. Selectman McArdle seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

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

10) TOWN ATTORNEY

Private Executive Session – Two Pending Litigation Items

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to enter into private executive session at 5:52 pm.

Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Selectman McArdle made a motion to end private executive session. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

The Selectmen accepted the Attorney's recommendation.

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to enter into a second private executive session. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Selectman McArdle made a motion to end private executive session at 6:17 pm. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

The Selectmen accepted the Attorney's recommendation.

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

There was no other business.

12) ADJOURN

Selectman McArdle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer S. Carpenter  
Recording Secretary