

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MINUTES  
August 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 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: Robert Mayer, Thomas Dubrosky, Eileen Kennelly, Dr. Stephen Tracy, Thomas B. Noonan, Amanda Hansen, Gerard Speno

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman McArdle.

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET

No pets available. First Selectman Tetreau thanked residents for thinking of sheltered pets and reminded everyone pets are on Facebook with short videos.

4) MINUTES

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

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

5) RESIGNATIONS (For Information Only)

a) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Robert Tota (U), 157 Tanglewood Lane, term 11/14-11/18  
(Resignation Date: July 18, 2016)

b) Town Plan and Zoning Commission

Jacinta A. Coleman (R), 510 Barlow Road, term 11/13-11/17  
(Resignation Date: July 29, 2016)

6) APPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:

a) Town Plan and Zoning Commission

Thomas B. Noonan (R), 91 Stoneleigh Square, term 11/13-11/17  
(to fill a vacancy Jacinta Coleman who resigned)  
(moving from alternate to full member)

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve item 6a. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

First Selectman Tetreau congratulated Mr. Noonan and thanked him for stepping up. Selectmen's Tymniak and McArdle also thanked him for filling the position.

Mr. Noonan said he was sorry Jaci left and is happy to step in and continue to contribute to Fairfield. He thanked the Board for all their work.

7) FRESH AIR FUND

To hear a report from the Fairfield Region Committee of the Fresh Air Fund.

Amanda Hansen gave a brief background. She has been involved with the Fresh Air Fund for 11 years and has been Fairfield's local representative for the past two years. For 140 years, the organization has been providing an opportunity for inner city children to spend 1-2 weeks in the suburbs. Many whose neighborhoods are deemed too unsafe to play outside may enjoy simple activities in the suburbs such as walking a dog, bicycling and going to the beach. The area encompasses 14 East Coast States and Canada. They are referred by teachers, neighbors, counselors and pediatricians. Many of the sponsors host the same child year after year. She asked the Board for their support and to spread the word about the program. Ms. Hansen may be contacted with any questions or concerns at [drah72@att.net](mailto:drah72@att.net) or [freshair.org](http://freshair.org).

First Selectman Tetreau said his family took in a Cuban refugee who became a fourth brother in his family. He thanked Ms. Hansen.

First Selectman Tetreau introduced Dr. Tracy. Dr. Tracy said although his time will be brief, he is looking forward to pitching in until the new superintendent arrives. He commutes from Goshen. The Board thanked him and is looking forward to working with him.

8) REVIEW AND APPROVE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS SALARIES

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to postpone the item to a date certain of September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Public Comment – none.

All were in favor, the motion carried 3-0.

9) CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER (postponed from July 6, 2016)

To consider and act upon non-union (department heads', sub-department heads' and other non-union employees') medical expense premium equivalent co share contribution levels

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to accept the Chief Fiscal Officer's recommendation. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Mr. Mayer began the discussion. He said the item was previously discussed in Private Executive Session on July 6. He referred to a table he distributed which showed other Towns' health insurance employee cost percentages. The recommendation includes department heads, Town Clerk and the First Selectman. Non-core department heads would follow union contract relevant to their job.

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to accept the Chief Fiscal Officer's recommendation of an 18% co-share health insurance increase for core department heads. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

First Selectman Tetreau furthered the discussion by stating they still want to be competitive when looking for department heads by offering competitive compensation packages and he supports the 18% increase. Selectman Tymniak appreciated how methodically the research was analyzed.

All were in favor. The motion carried 3-0.

#### 10) TAX COLLECTOR

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

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

Selectman Tymniak made an amendment to remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$9,307.14. Selectman McArdle seconded. The motion carried as amended 3-0.

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 5:25 p.m. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary