

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
August 17, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 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: Gerald Lombardo, Ed Boman, Cinda Buchter, Dr. Stephen Tracy, FairTV

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 Tymniak.

3) MINUTES

To hear, consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of August 3, 2016

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

4) PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

To hear an update from the Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Lombardo spoke at length reviewing the great many programs the department offers and distributed its Fall Program brochure. He noted this past year's programs included summer playgrounds, camps, teen programs, sports programs, leagues, adult programs and extensive indoor programs.

South Pine Creek Fitness Center has programs for youth, adults and seniors. They rent out the facility to residents for \$100 and non-residents for \$200; no alcoholic beverages are allowed. The Youth Counsel sponsors six teen dances a year. The Haunted House fundraises for the Fire Fighter Benevolent Association who works with Parks & Recreation, DPW, FD and town youth services on this event.

There are 38 summer concerts on the Green which the Town sponsors offset with local sponsorship. Saugatuck Sweets sponsors Saturday night concerts. Summer Jam movies and dances are on Jennings Beach. Ginna Paules directs the Town Youth Council that coordinates the tree lighting, holiday breakfast and many other events including the Jacky Durrell Scholarship that is awarded to Fairfield High School Seniors.

The Juvenile Review Board is a new program for 1st time offenders under 18 years old. They work the Police Department on penalties such as community service.

The Fitness Center has 800 members about 50/50 split with adults and seniors.

Penfield Pavilion is on track and should be ready by January. They are moving it back in place this Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Rental reservations are being taken. They want to book the facility out further than one year since many weddings are planned far in advance and will bring this to the Commission for approval. The Locker Room lottery will take place in March. The Jacky Durrell Pavilion has been rented 130 times this year. There are over 100 boat/kayak rental slips.

The Golf Course received the "Best in State". They are the first Public Course to receive this award. They have 3 years left on the 10-year rebuilding plan.

Fairfield has a waterfront marina, five beaches and Lake Mohegan which has a small water park. Improvements have been made to Southport, Sasco, Jennings Beach restrooms and painted Pavilion. Jennings has over 200 racks for sail boats and kayaks. The Marina has 609 boat slips and has sold 588. Fairfield slip costs are low compared to neighboring towns; public and private. They are ensuring they are leased by permanent resident. Improvements have been made adding non-skid on gangways, Wi-Fi, 30 additional storage areas on land and replaced pilings.

They are looking into future dredging and adding more slips with possible funding. Mr. Lombardo and the board members discussed funding through state, permitting process and dredging concerns. Selectman McArdle asked if dredging is a concern and Mr. Lombardo said it needs to be done and will be requesting \$700k. He said it has been done twice in the last ten years. Selectman McArdle asked if there is a written plan for the marina, Mr. Lombardo said there is not. He said he along with Mr. Michelangelo, Mr. Kenny, Engineering and Parks and Rec Commission, they make the decisions together. Selectman McArdle asked how the state is involved in the dredging process and Mr. Lombardo replied and stated it is a very involved and long permitting process with the State. First Selectman Tetreau said where they put the dredged material is a big concern and part of problem for Fairfield and all coastal Connecticut towns. He recently met with the new chair of the Port Authority of Connecticut, toured Southport Harbor and discussed Fairfield's concern. Selectman McArdle asked what account the marina revenue goes into, Mr. Lombardo said to the General Fund.

He is asking the Commission for a 3% budget increase. With State aid cutbacks they are looking to raise revenues. They will increase boat slips, beach stickers \$5 (not for seniors), recreation programs and greens fees. First Selectman Tetreau said the BOF and RTM have repeatedly asked Parks & Rec to increase rates and Mr. Lombardo has managed that very well over the years. Parks & Rec was asked to cover \$200,000. Selectman Tymniak thanked the sponsors for concerts and

movie nights. Selectman McArdle noted the online registration is not user friendly. Mr. Lombardo said it will be updated by end of next summer. The Board thanked and congratulated Mr. Lombardo.

5) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)

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

RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, is hereby authorized to expend up to \$20,000 to purchase and install four single head electric vehicle charging stations at 755 Melville Avenue and 785 Unquowa Road, said funds to be one hundred percent reimbursed from grant funds made available by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) under Connecticut's Public Fleet Electric Vehicle (EV) and Public Workplace EV Charging Station Incentive Program.

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to accept the above resolution. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Mr. Boman briefly explained the program.

Public Comment - none.

The motion carried 3-0.

The item will go before the Board of Finance and RTM for approval in September.

6) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and approve an abatement of taxes for the 2014 Grand List taxes due July 2015 – June 2016 for 21 Durrell Drive in the amount of \$4,744.32 and 63 Durrell Drive in the amount of \$3,788.16.

Selectman McArdle made a motion to approve abatement of taxes. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

Ms. Buchter, Tax Collector, briefed the Board on this item.

Public Comment - none.

The motion carried 3-0.

7) 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 \$10,244.28. Selectman McArdle seconded. The motion carried as amended 3-0.

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

There was no other business.

9) ADJOURN

Selectman McArdle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary