

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
October 5, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 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: Sherri Steeneck, Chief Denis McCarthy, Stanton Lessor, Emmet Hibson, Thomas Dubrosky, William Hurley, Officer William McDonagh, Diane Pollock, Jeff Minder, Mary Hogue, 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 McArdle.

3) WEDNESDAY'S PET – As part of the adopt-a-pet program, Sherri Steeneck brought in a black and white kitten that is looking for a home. The kitten can be found at the Town's Animal Shelter, 211 Richard White Way. Anyone seeking to adopt a pet can call 254-4857.

4) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of

a) Regular Meeting of August 17, 2016 (postponed from September 7, 2016)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the minutes of August 17, 2016. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Selectman McArdle motioned to make an amendment to Item #4, ninth paragraph and read the additional language to be added after first sentence:

“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. Selectman Tymniak seconded amendment. Motion carried 3-0.

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

b) Regular Meeting of September 7, 2016

Selectman McArdle motioned to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

5) RESIGNATIONS (for Information only)

Parking Authority

Ronald D. Pine (R), 36 Highlawn Road, term 11/12 – 11/17
(Resignation Date: October 3, 2016)

First Selectman Tetreau stated Mr. Pine has been appointed to the RTM and thanked him for his service.

6) ART/PLACE GALLERY

To hear a report from Art/Place Gallery.

Ms. Florence Pollock, co-president of Art/Place Gallery gave a brief history of its 35 years. They were housed in the Southport Train Station for 27 years until the fire of January 2007. Firefighters saved almost all artists work, 38 out of 40 pieces. They then showed in the Pequot Library, Greenwich, Waveny in New Canaan and a space next to Community Theatre. For the past three years they occupy space in front of Fairfield Theatre Company entrance to Stage One on Sanford Street. Exhibits can be viewed during box office hours, during performances and afternoons. First Selectman Tetreau said it provides great exposure to the artists and thanked her for updating them. Selectman McArdle has enjoyed view exhibits during shows' intermission. Selectman Tymniak said it is a good use of space and the art is fantastic.

7) REVIEW AND APPROVE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS SALARIES (**postponed from September 7, 2016**)

The Board felt comfortable voting after having an opportunity to hear Human Resource Director Hibson explain legal issues and reviewing other towns' comparisons.

Public comment – Holly Lanese said much more is being asked of the registrars, the workload has increased in last couple of years and they doing a great job keeping up their responsibilities.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve \$37,500 salary, which includes a \$2,500 stipend, effective January 2017.

In January 2019, start of Year 3, the salary will increase 2.5%. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

8) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

RESOLVED, that First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau is empowered and authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, an agreement with the State of Connecticut and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for a 2016 America the Beautiful Urban Forestry Grant in an amount not to exceed \$4300, the local match being in-kind services approved in the 2016-2017 Department of Public Works budget.

Mr. Jeff Minder and Mary Hogue gave background of award, distributed aerial view photos and photos of the signs. First Selectman Tetreau would like to be see signs before placement. He said the signs are very well done, Selectmen McArdle and Tymniak agreed.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to accept resolution as recommended. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

9) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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, be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Projects."

Mr. Hurley explained the MMA. He concluded after his review that is was standard and they have done similar agreements. It will make the project run smoother.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to accept resolution as recommended. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

10) FIRE CHIEF (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Fire Chief:

RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, is hereby authorized to expend in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield up to \$164,025 to purchase firefighter safety equipment and emergency

medical service equipment, ninety percent of said cost to be reimbursed by a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) (\$149,114); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to accept said grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to execute any and all necessary documents to secure said grant.

Chief McCarthy explained the grant was an opportunity for department to purchase new equipment. He explained uses and which accounts the money will come from. Selectman Tymniak questioned better equipping our fire trucks with medical equipment that AMR does not have. Chief McCarthy and First Selectman Tetreau are having ongoing discussions on the subject. Selectman Tymniak feels the town is missing out on revenue.

The bailout kits are for 98 fire fighters. Selectman Tymniak asked if we equip the volunteers with the same equipment. Chief McCarthy said we do not; the volunteers are independent and are included where appropriate. Chief McCarthy congratulated AC Bisson's hard work on this grant over the past three years.

Battery powered AED were discussed. The vendor is providing training for cardiac compression devices. We will train on the bailout system at training grounds when it opens in May. Selectman Tymniak commented on how much equipment the fire fighters have to carry. First Selectman Tetreau attended the public fire fighter class and encouraged colleagues to do so. He highly respects the fire fighters work.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approved resolution as recommended. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

11) TOWN ATTORNEY (requires RTM approval and a report from Town Plan and Zoning Commission)

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield sell the property known as 2164 Fairfield Beach Road to Rosario Devico and Antoinette Devico for the sum of \$55,000 as more particularly set forth in real estate sales agreement between said parties.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to accept. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion.

Mr. Lessor distributed sketches of the property showing easement and explained current use. There is a drainage pipe and bulkhead that the town maintains. Under the proposed contract, the town will continue to maintain drainage and the owner will maintain bulkhead. Selectman Tymniak hasn't had opportunity to visit the site. Mr. Lessor said Mr. Brian Carey said the space is of no use to the town and would like to get rid of liability. The Contract is subject to BOS approval.

Selectman Tymniak motion to postpone to a date certain of next Board of Selectmen meeting, October 19, 2016. Selectman McArdle seconded which carried 3-0.

12) TAX COLLECTOR

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

Selectman Tymniak made an amendment to remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$10,409.72. Selectman McArdle seconded the amendment which carried 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the amended item. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

Selectman Tymniak asked for a status of the committee downtown developing the strategic plan and thinks this should wait for the BOS to roll over \$100 to a consultant to think about the process and draft up rough notes.

14) ADJOURN

Selectman McArdle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary