

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
November 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 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

Other Present: Judge Daniel Caruso, Ed Boman, Stanton Lesser, Chief Denis McCarthy, James Bradley, Ann Katis, Edward Lane, Joseph Olzacki, Bernard Lynch, Selma Cohen, Jeffrey Minder, Genny Reilly, FairTV, Soundview

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman Tymniak.

First Selectman Tetreau thanked the Town of Fairfield voters. He said there was an 80% voter turnout which is the most votes ever cast in a Fairfield election.

- 3) MINUTES - To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of October 19, 2016.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

- 4) RECOGNITION - Recognition of seven World Champion Taekwondo students for medaling at the 2016 USA Taekwondo National Championships.

The students gave a demonstration and received certificates from the BOS.

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

Employees Retirement Board

Kathryn F. Fagan (R), 450 Cornell Road, term 11/13 – 11/18
(Resignation Date: December 7, 2016)

- 6) FIRST SELECTMAN REAPPOINTMENTS **(for information only)**

a) Economic Development Commission

- i. Zhanna B. Funaro (D), 57 Riverside Drive, term 11/16 – 11/21
- ii. Donald F. Peterson (R), 1061 Galloping Hill Road, term 11/16 – 11/21

b) Employees Retirement Board (requires RTM approval)

Scott H. Pollack (U), 543 Wormwood Road, term 11/16 - 11/21

c) Fairfield Housing Authority

James D. Kelly (R), 32 Mill Hill Road, term 11/16 -11/21

- 7) REAPPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments:

a) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

- i. Ann R. Katis (D), 996 Old Post Road, term 11/16 – 11/20
- ii. Edward F. Lane (R), 121 New England Avenue, term 11/16 – 11/20
- iii. Linda A. Lach (D), 21 Papurah Road, term 11/16 – 11/20

- b) Burr Gardens Advisory Committee
 - i. Lisa W. Callahan (R), 290 Beach Road, term 11/16 – 11/19
 - ii. Jennifer B. Downing (U), 1197 Mine Hill Road, term 11/16 – 11/19
 - iii. Laura L. Fasano (R), 1003 Pequot Avenue, term 11/16 – 11/19
 - iv. Ellen Gould (U), 648 Harbor Road, term 11/16 – 11/19
 - v. Michael A. Jehle (U), 128 Wormwood Road, term 11/16 – 11/19
- c) Fire Commission
Joseph Olzacki (R), 476 South Pine Creek Road, term 11/16 - 11/21
- d) Greater Bridgeport Transit (requires RTM approval)
Michael Mears (R), 44 Bay Edge Court, term 11/16 - 11/20
- e) Human Services Commission
 - i. Bernard F. Lynch (U), 20 Middlebrook Place, term 11/16 – 11/20
 - ii. Selma B. Cohen (D), 375 Old Oaks Road, term 11/16 – 11/20
- f) Land Acquisition Commission
James M. Pjura (R), 1158 Mill Hill Road, term 11/16 - 11/20
- g) Parks and Recreation Commission
 - i. Brian J. Nerreau (R), 105 Mountain Laurel Road, term 11/16 – 11/21
 - ii. Gregory M. Alprin (D), 130 Lee Drive, term 11/16 – 11/21
- h) Police and Fire Retirement Board
Donald A. Bowers (R), 3247 Redding Road, term 11/16 - 11/19
- i) Solid Waste and Recycling Commission (requires RTM approval)
Charles P. MacDonald (U), 320 Old Mill Road, term 11/16 - 11/20
- j) Tree Warden
Jeffrey M. Minder, term 11/16 – 11/17

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve as a whole items a) i-iii. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

No action taken on items b) i-v.

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

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

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to approve as a whole items e) i and ii. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

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

No action taken on items g) i and ii.

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

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

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

- 8) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE – To hear and update from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on this year’s accomplishments and plans going forward.

Chairman Keith Gallanelli gave an update on the committee which began 2 years ago and consists of 9 members. He discussed the coming years’ objectives and highlighted past events. He asked BOS for their support on the “complete street policy”.

- 9) JUDGE OF PROBATE (**requires Parks and Recreation Commission approval**)
To hear, consider and act upon a petition from David S. Huntington for authority to remove, repair, restore and reset grave markers at Fairfield East and Greenfield Hill Cemeteries.

Judge Caruso spoke for David Huntington. Parks and Recreation have already given approval.

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

- 10) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (**requires Board of Finance and RTM approval**)
(**postponed from October 19, 2016**) To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Public Works:

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2013 the Town of Fairfield approved the acceptance of a \$1,200,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to fund project costs associated with Pedestrian Improvements in the Commerce Drive/Kings Highway Area of which eighty percent of said project costs are reimbursable by said grant, appropriated \$1,200,000 for said project costs and authorized \$1,200,000 in bonds to fund said appropriation; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2014 the Town of Fairfield approved the acceptance of an \$800,000 Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) grant to fund project costs associated with the Kings Highway Pedestrian Improvements Project of which one hundred percent of said project costs are reimbursable by said grant and appropriated \$800,000 for said project costs; and

WHEREAS, the federal government or State of Connecticut may provide additional LOTICIP grant funding for project costs associated with the Kings Highway Pedestrian Improvements Project of which one hundred percent of said project costs are reimbursable by said grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the federal government or State of Connecticut may provide additional TAP grant funding for project costs associated with the Kings Highway Pedestrian Improvements Project of which approximately eighty percent of said project costs are reimbursable by said grant funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman, be and hereby is, authorized to accept and sign any agreements between the Town of Fairfield and the federal government or the State of Connecticut related to additional Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) grant funding associated with the Kings Highway Pedestrian Improvements Project; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that should additional LOTCIP grant funding be awarded to the Town of Fairfield, the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to expend up to an additional \$130,000 to fund project costs, one hundred percent of said project costs to be reimbursed by additional LOTCIP grant funding; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman, be and hereby is, authorized to accept and sign any agreements between the Town of Fairfield and the federal government or the State of Connecticut related to additional Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funding associated with the Kings Highway Pedestrian Improvements Project; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that should additional TAP grant funding be awarded to the Town of Fairfield, the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to expend up to an additional \$558,000 to fund project costs, approximately eighty percent of said project costs to be reimbursed by additional TAP grant funding.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to waive reading of the resolution. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to postpone the item to a date certain of the next regular BOS meeting of December 7, 2016. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

- 11) PROJECT MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT SELECTION COMMITTEE CHARGE
To hear, consider and approve a charge for a temporary Project Management Oversight Selection Committee.

First Selectman Tetreau explained the committee will give more support to building committee and provide better reporting. Mr. Bradley said it will improve the whole capital project process.

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

- 12) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Public Works:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield enter into an Energy Opportunities Standard Agreement with the United Illuminating Company to develop a Comprehensive Town Buildings and Equipment Management Plan; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is authorized to execute the required documents.

Mr. Boman briefed BOS. UI will pay 100% of the project.

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

- 13) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Public Works:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield enter into a twenty year Power Purchase Agreement with Doosan Fuel Cell America to install a 400 kilowatt fuel cell at the Water Pollution Control Facility, said fuel cell to supply over 3,000,000 kilowatt hours per year; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is authorized to execute the required documents.

Mr. Boman gave background on project. Doosan will design, build, own and maintain the cell. It is \$7M savings to the town over 20 years.

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

- 14) **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)**
To hear, consider and act upon a resolution approving an agreement with the United Illuminating Company to fund a \$1,000,000 LED lighting conversion project.

Mr. Boman explained funding. Project covers 19 town buildings. \$500,000 comes from a UI grant, they pay vendor directly. Another \$500,000 is an interest free loan creating a \$122,000 savings. First Selectman Tetreau will get proposal from Finance as to the best way to fund.

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to postpone the item to a Special BOS meeting in order for the item to come before the BOF and RTM in December for a vote. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

- 15) **TOWN ATTORNEY (requires RTM approval)**
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Third Modification of Right of Repurchase by and between Rooster River Plaza, LLC regarding Unit No. 1, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut be, and hereby is, approved.

Attorney Lesser explained the lease. The Town owns facility that BOE occupies. At the end of the 10 year contract, Fishel had the option to buy back the property. They agreed to a 10 year extension terminating July 2016. Fishel has the right to exercise the option, we have right to give 18 months' notice. We have right to lease for 5 years. First Selectman Tetreau said 10 years gives us time to do better planning.

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

- 16) **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 \$18,273.68. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

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

Selectman Tymniak reminded everyone of the Santa's arrival at the Town Green and Shop Small on November 26th, and the Tree Lighting on December 2nd.

- 18) ADJOURN

Selectman Tymniak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Selectman McArdle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary