

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
December 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, in the first floor conference room of Independence Hall.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau, Selectman Christopher W. Tymniak, Selectman Edward J. Bateson

Others Present: Tom Quinn, Bill Hurley, Betsy Browne, Jen Carpenter, Laura Pulie, Betty Gabriel, Brian Carey, Sal Morabito, Brian Stone, Pam Iacono, Tom Dubrosky, Genny Reilly, FairTV, Fairfield Patch, News12, Jim Perez, Captain Josh Zabin, Captain Don Smith, Doug Fried, Stephanie Coakley, Adair Heitmann, nominators for Doug Fried,

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Selectman Tymniak.

A moment of Silence was observed for Pearl Harbor.

- 3) RECOGNITION
Presentation of the 2016 Fairfielder and Employee of the Year Awards.

First Selectman Tetreau announced the Employee of the Year was awarded to Lt. James Perez of the Fairfield Police Department. He was nominated by Betty Gabriel of Conservation, Josephine Keogh of TP&Z and Laura Pulie of Engineering. Police Captains Don Smith and Josh Zabin spoke of his 25 years of service. Selectman Tymniak thanked Lt. Perez for his service and read former Selectman McArdle's letter of thanks. First Selectman Tetreau also thanked Lt. Perez for his service. First Selectman Tetreau and Selectman Tymniak presented a gift to Lt. Perez. Lt. Perez thanked everyone and said he was honored to be chosen.

First Selectman Tetreau read the attributes needed to qualify for Fairfielder of the Year and then announced it was awarded to Doug Fried, a Board member and volunteer at Pequot Library. Mr. Fried was nominated by 26 people including Pequot Library patrons, staff, Board of Directors and Trustees. A Board of Trustee and Pequot's Executive Director both spoke about why Mr. Fried was nominated and congratulated him. Selectman Tymniak thanked him for his dedication and read former Selectman McArdle's letter of thanks. First Selectman Tetreau thanked for Mr. Fried for his contribution to Pequot Library and the community. First Selectman Tetreau and Selectman Tymniak presented a gift to him on behalf of the town. Mr. Fried thanked everyone and stated he was honored to be chosen.

- 4) MINUTES
 - a) To consider and act upon the minutes of Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016.
 - b) To consider and act upon the minutes of Special Meeting of November 29, 2016.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016 and November 29, 2016. First Selectman Tetreau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 2-0.

5) RESIGNATIONS (for information only)

a) Board of Selectmen

Laurie A. McArdle (R), 267 Brookbend Road, term 11/15 – 11/19
(Resignation Date: December 1, 2016)

b) Golf Commission

Brendan L. O'Hara (R), 60 Sleepy Hollow Road, term 4/15 – 4/20
(Resignation Date: November 30, 2016)

6) APPOINTMENTS

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:

Board of Selectmen

Edward J. Bateson III (R), 2195 North Street, term 11/15 – 11/19
(to fill a vacancy for Laurie McArdle who resigned)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the appointment. First Selectman Tetreau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 2-0.

Mr. Bateson was sworn in by Town Clerk Betsy Browne.

7) FIRST SELECTMAN

Board of Selectmen meeting dates for Calendar Year 2017:

January 4 and 25*	July 5 and 19
February 1 and 15	August 2 and 16
March 1 and 15	September 6 and 27*
April 5 and 19	October 4 and 18
May 3 and 17	November 1 and 15
June 7 and 21	December 6 and 20
*4 th Wednesday	

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the meeting dates. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Selectman Bateson motioned to amend the July 5 BOS meeting date to July 12. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the schedule as amended carried unanimously 3-0.

8) FIRST SELECTMAN

Budget Meetings for Calendar Year 2017:

a) Board of Selectmen Joint* Public Budget Hearing Dates**:

March	01	Wednesday
	02	Thursday
	07	Tuesday
	09	Thursday
	14	Tuesday
	16	Thursday
	21	Tuesday

*Joint with Board of Finance – 7:30 pm

**Pending Board of Finance Approval

Selectman Bateson motioned to postpone to a date certain of the January 4, 2017 BOS meeting. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

- b) Board of Selectmen Public Executive Budget Session and Vote:
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| March | 27 | Monday (2:00 pm) – Public Executive Session* |
| | 28 | Tuesday (2:00 pm) – Vote* |
- *No public comment*

Selectman Bateson motioned to approve the meeting dates. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

Selectman Bateson motioned to amend the time for both the March 27 and March 28 meetings from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Selectman Tymniak seconded the amendment. The motion as amended carried unanimously 3-0.

9) CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To approve a donation of \$1500 from the H. Smith Richardson Conservation Fund Trust to the Southwest Conservation District as recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Brian Carey briefed the BOS on the donation. The BOS would like a clear history of the \$1,500 donation and would like him to come back in January or February to make a presentation.

The BOS took no action.

10) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)
(postponed from November 16, 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 LOTICIP 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 LOTICIP 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 Bateson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Bill Hurley summarized the Kings Highway Pedestrian improvement project. The Town received CONNDOT's commitment to the project and extra funding from \$800,000 to \$1M. The BOS would like to delay this vote until it gets detailed numbers and learn what is involved with town matching funds. Mr. Hurley will work with Kathleen Griffin to create a spreadsheet clearly laying out the numbers including additional backup.

The BOS took no action.

11) HOLLAND HILL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To hear an update from the Holland Hill Building Committee.

Tom Quinn presented the item. He said Holland Hill was built in 1954 and houses 400 students similar to Riverfield School although has different demographics. It sits on 12.4 acres and has five portables on the property. The committee met with teachers and parents on school needs. Architect Brian Stone reviewed the site plan. The old parking, wetlands and renovation areas were discussed. The project is being kept in line with what is needed and not getting excessive. Sal Morabito discussed reimbursables from the State. The project numbers package was distributed. Peter Manning answered questions on the \$21M specs and the 4% increase per year.

The BOS would like additional documentation. They want a macro breakdown on what the drivers and a side-by-side add spec of Riverfield vs Holland Hill and want to know why the cost is 50% more than Riverfield. The Selectmen asked how the project went from \$14M to \$21M. Selectman Bateson would like it put in the waterfall immediately as it will affect the Mill Hill and Sherman projects. A PCB test has not been done yet.

12) TAX COLLECTOR

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

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Selectman Tymniak made an amendment to remove the period at the end of the sentence and add a comma followed by \$17,496.37. Selectman Bateson seconded the amendment. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

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

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

Selectman Tymniak congratulated DPW, P&R and Fire Department which helped set up the Christmas tree lighting. First Selectman Tetreau agreed.

14) ADJOURN

Selectman Bateson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary