

Committee Meeting

Committee Members in attendance:

Monday, November 15, 2010

Public Works & Planning

Thomas E McCarthy
Christopher J Brogan
Sheila H Marmion
Christopher J McAleese
Joseph J Palmer

Legislation & Administration

Edward J Bateson
Joseph M DeMartino
Richard L Santalesa
Ann Stampler
Cristin McCarthy Vahey

FOUR (4) ITEMS OF BUSINESS WERE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED BY THESE TWO COMMITTEES PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING OF THE RTM. THE NUMBERING OF THE POINTS WHICH FOLLOW CORRESPOND TO THE 11/22/2010 RTM AGENDA.

PLEASE NOTE: ITEM#10 WAS NOT DISCUSSED AS MR. DIMARTINO WAS NOT PRESENT. ALSO NOTE THAT RTM MEMBERS PRESENT DID NOT CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR EITHER SUB COMMITTEE SO NO VOTES WERE TAKEN.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas E McCarthy (Secretary).

7. To hear and act upon the following reappointment to the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Mitchell Fuchs (D), ~~431 Jeniford Road~~ 202 Melody Lane, Term November 2010 - 2014.

Comments: Committee members noted that both Mr. Fuchs address and resume were out of date and requested current information for the record, which Mr. Fuchs agreed to provide.

When questioned by Representative Marmion as to formal education pertinent to public transportation, Mr. Fuchs responded by saying that he had none specifically, beyond his experience in a management company and as a 30 year commuter. He then spoke to his efforts to address current challenges, which included declining ridership and route management. He also spoke to long term proactive efforts to select more efficient ögreenerö hybrid buses for the future.

ing reappointment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Paul R Krummins (R), 279 North Pine Creek Road, Term Nov. 2010 - 2015

Comments: Mr. Krummins briefly spoke to his interest in environmentally friendly recycling solutions. He shared his enthusiasm for a new initiative to implement single stream recycling, in an effort to increase that portion of the Town's waste which gets recycled by simplifying the process.

Representative McCarthy-Vahey took the opportunity to direct a question Mr. Michael Zemruski (Director of Fairfield's Solid Waste and Recycling Commission) and inquired if attrition which the commission has experienced in the past year represents a problem. Mr. Zemruski acknowledged that with fewer members there would obviously be a greater risk of not having a quorum, but to date they have been able to manage. He went on to add; however, that if anyone knew of a qualified individual with credentials in this area there would certainly be interest.

9. To hear and act upon the following reappointment to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Peter P. Petron (D), 415 Old Post Road, Term Nov. 2010 - 2015

Comments: Mr. Petron spoke briefly to his professional background in Asset Management and his long time interest in history, noting also that history had been his college major. Representative Bateson made note of the fact that Mr. Petron's home is in fact in the town's historic district. Mr. Petron acknowledged that fact and stated that on decisions involving neighbors or which might otherwise represent a conflict of interest he would recuse himself.

11. To hear, consider and act upon amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly Ordinance, section 95-7 to Section 95-15.4 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior Tax Relief Ordinance committee.

Comments: Representative McCarthy requested a high level summary of the financial impact that this ordinance would have upon the set aside which he understood had already been included in the 2010-2011 budget. Representative Ference (sponsor) responded by saying that Tom Browne, Assessor would need to speak to that.

Representative Palmer noted that for decisions involving appointments to Commissions it would be helpful to have "someone" offer a mission statement for that Commission as well as an opinion as to the credentials upon which the appointment ought to be predicated.