

## MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD NOVEMBER 22, 2010

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, November 22, 2010, at McKinley Elementary School, Fairfield, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by First Selectman Ken Flatto.

PRESENT: 31 ABSENT: 19 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Becker, Richmond, Ambrose, A. Harrison, Steele, Bateson, Conley, Ference, McCullough, Santalesa, Hug, Palmer, Gall, Garskof, McAleese, Smey, Stamler, Brogan, Kupchick, Marmion, Vahey, Hoffkins, Llewellyn, Schwartz, Braun, McCarthy, Dillon, Felner, Cafferelli, Mears, Way

ABSENT: Challinor, Herley, Sundman, Stewart, Varian, DeMartino, R. Parker, S. Parker, Luciano, Cullen, Lynch, Hoffmann, Kelly, Takami, McGinty, Millington, Mirabile, Farnen, Rubino

### **ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL:** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

First Selectman Ken Flatto led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance. He invited long-time RTM member and World War II Veteran Joe Gall, District 5, to lead the Body in a Moment of Silence. Members were asked to remember Rep. Dave Cullen's father who passed away recently.

### **ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL:** TO ELECT A MODERATOR AND DEPUTY MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Mr. Flatto asked for nominations from the floor for a Moderator.

Tom McCarthy, District 8, nominated Jeff Steele, duly seconded.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, nominations for Moderator were closed.

**VOTE:** Mr. Steele was elected Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor for Deputy Moderator.

Art Hug, District 4, nominated Peter Ambrose, duly seconded.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, nominations for Deputy Moderator were closed.

**VOTE:** Mr. Ambrose was elected Deputy Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator instructed the RTM on the Town Charter Standards of Conduct, ethical matters, Freedom of Information matters and conflicts of interest. He reminded members that e-mailing a majority of the Body constitutes a meeting under FOI regulations.

### **ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL:** TO NOMINATE AND ELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

larrison, District 2, to fill the vacancy on SLMC created by the  
seconded and carried unanimously.

**ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL:** APPROVAL OF 2011 MEETING CALENDAR

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The schedule of regular meetings for 2011, as follows, was approved by unanimous voice vote:

January 24	April 25	July 25	October 24
February 28	May 2 & 23	August 22	November 28
March 28	June 27	September 26	December 19

**ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL:** TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2010

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

**ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL:** REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN P. VAHEY TO THE EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT BOARD

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Mr. Vahey was present.

\*\*See Committee Reports Attached Hereto

**VOTE:** The resolution to approve the reappointment of Mr. Vahey to the Employees Retirement Board was approved with 29 in favor, 1 abstention (Vahey) (Mr. Cafferelli was not present to vote).

**ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL:** REAPPOINTMENT OF MITCHELL FUCHS TO THE GREATER  
BRIDGEPORT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Mr. Fuchs was present.

\*\*See Committee Reports Attached Hereto

**MOTION:** Mr. Bateson moved to amend Mr. Fuchs' address as it appeared on the Call, to 202 Melody Lane, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

**VOTE:** The resolution to approve the reappointment of Mr. Fuchs to the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority, as amended, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL:** REAPPOINTMENT OF PAUL R. KRUMINS TO THE SOLID WASTE  
AND RECYCLING COMMISSION

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

\*\*See Committee Reports Attached Hereto

Mr. Bateson addressed his concern that the appointment of Mr. Krumins brings the total number of current commissioners to four, of a seven member board. He asked that the First Selectman consider new appointments promptly in order to satisfy the quorum requirement for meetings.

appointment of Mr. Krumins to the Solid Waste & Recycling  
voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL:** APPOINTMENT OF PETER P. PETRON TO THE HISTORIC  
DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

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Mr. Bateson asked if it is necessary to state that this is a full member appointment as opposed to an alternate position.

Asst. Town Attorney Eileen Kennelly said that if a person is being appointed as an alternate, the agenda would state as much.

**VOTE:** The resolution to appoint Mr. Petron to the Historic District Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL:** APPOINTMENT OF DONALD C. DIMARTINO FROM  
ALTERNATE TO REGULAR MEMBER OF THE TOWN  
FACILITIES COMMISSION

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Mr. DiMartino was present.

\*\*See Committee Reports Attached Hereto

**VOTE:** The resolution to appoint Mr. DiMartino as a regular member of the Town Facilities Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 11 ON CALL:** APPROVAL OF 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

The Moderator moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

\*\*See Committee Reports Attached Hereto

Tom McCarthy, District 8, asked how the increase in tax relief affects the offset-aside included in the 2010-2011 budget.

Fiscal Officer Paul Hiller explained that when the Board of Finance sets the mil rate, the tax offset-aside is estimated based on the previous year applications unless the ordinance is modified. Seniors have until May 15 to file for relief and the impact on the budget is not known until a few weeks after that. The figure must be recalculated during the course of the year.

First Selectman Flatto noted that there is a budget shortfall this year and the difference will have to be made up from other places.

y that the first wave of baby boomers is reaching 65 which  
ring the budget.

**VOTE:** The recommended amendments to the Tax Relief ordinance were approved with 30 in favor, 1 abstention (Richmond).

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

SLMC member Alexis Harrison reported that Joe DeMartino, District 4, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on L&A and that Joe Cafferelli was appointed to fill Mr. DeMartino's seat on PHS.

Fiscal Officer Paul Hiller distributed pension information.

Ed Bateson, District 3, objected to the eleventh-hour distribution of the report and reserved the right to address it next month.

First Selectman Flatto indicated that he asked Mr. Hiller to distribute the documents for informational purposes rather than for discussion this evening.

Michael Mears, District 10, questioned the Total Fund Return of 3.3 percent. Mr. Hiller said that we have a new fund manager who did not get all the numbers because of the changeover between them and the custodian bank.

Mr. Mears asked if the return of the fund net of withdrawals is available in order to see the total return of the fund itself. Mr. Hiller replied negatively and said that we are missing numbers.

Brenda Kupchick, District 6, announced that tonight would be her final RTM meeting, having been elected as State Representative for the 132nd District. She said it had been an honor and a privilege to serve on this Body and on the Board of Education, and that she looks forward to hearing from residents if they have any concerns.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne  
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Ann Roche