

Fairfield RTM
Education and Recreation Subcommittee
Minutes: March 21, 2012

Present: Leonora Campbell, Julie Gottlieb, Allen Marks, Mary McCullough, Nicolas Mirabile, Marc Patten, David Weber (not in attendance to vote)
Absent: Carolyn Richmond, Chad Stewart, Carol Way

Michael Herley called a joint meeting of the RTM Public Health & Safety and Education & Recreation subcommittees to order at 7:30 pm.

There was one item on the call for discussion; presenters/contributors: Dr. David Title, Supt of Schools; Tom Cullen, Director of Operations; David Fryer, Manager of Facilities; Pamela Iacono, Chair, Board of Education; Connee Dawson, Principal, Tomlinson Middle School; Tony Vuolo, Jennings Elementary School, Principal; Richard White, Director of Public Works; Gerry Lombardo, Director of Recreation.

4. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: "RESOLVED, that the Bond Appropriation entitled, 'A Resolution Appropriating \$1,766,284 for the Costs of Certain NonRecurring Capital Projects and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,' consisting of three pages, a copy of which is attached hereto, be, and hereby is, approved."

(1) Dwight Elementary School Boiler Replacement (\$294,000)

VOTE: 6:0:0

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, McCullough, Mirabile, Patten

No: none

Abstain: none

(2) Jennings School Bathroom Renovations (\$131,250)

VOTE: 6:0:0

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, McCullough, Mirabile, Patten

No: none

Abstain: none

(3) Tomlinson Middle School Front Façade and Cornice Repairs (\$250,000)

VOTE: 5:0:1

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, McCullough, Patten

No: none

Abstain: Mirabile

(4) Tomlinson Middle School Floor Tile Replace – 8 rooms (\$133,350)

VOTE: 5:0:1

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, Mirabile, Patten

No: none

Abstain: McCullough

(5) Tomlinson Middle School Traffic Improvement Project (\$150,000)

VOTE: 2:0:4

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb

No: none

Abstain: Marks, McCullough, Mirabile, Patten

(6) BOE Oil Tank Removal – System-wide (\$250,000)

VOTE: 5:0:1

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, Mirabile, Patten

No: none
Abstain: McCullough

(7) DPW, Smith Richardson Oil Tank Removal (\$218,500)

VOTE: 6:0:0

Yes: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, McCullough, Mirabile, Patten

No: none

Abstain: none

(8) Fire Dept. #1 Oil Tank Removal Cost Overrun (\$234,184)

VOTE: 0:2:4

Yes: none

No: Mirabile, Patten

Abstain: Campbell, Gottlieb, Marks, McCullough

(9) Smith Richardson Golf Course Bunker Repairs (\$105,000)

VOTE: 3:0:3

Yes: Campbell, Marks, Mirabile

No: none

Abstain: Gottlieb, McCullough, Patten

Respectfully submitted,
Mary I. McCullough

Chair, Education and Recreation

RTM Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for 3/19/2012

Committee Members in attendance:

Finance Committee Monday, March 19, 2012									
	Item#1	Item#2	Item#3	Item#4	Item#5	Item#6	Item#7	Item#8	Item#9
Peter Ambrose	A	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shiela Marmion	Y	Y	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom McCarthy	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bruce Ryan	Y	Y	N	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave MacKenzie	Y	Y	A	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ken Lee	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hal Schwartz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hank Ference	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ellen Jacob	Y	A	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heather Dean	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

A SINGLE RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE BY THE RTM FOR REVIEW/ACTION PRIOR TO THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE 26TH.

Respectfully submitted; Thomas E McCarthy (Secretary).

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Comments:

- Dwight Elementary School Boiler Replacement:** School Superintendent Dr, David Title, Director of Operations Tom Cullen, and David Friar addressed the 3 RTM committees (Finance, L&A, PW&P) in joint sessions. Dr. Title stated because of the age of the 2 Dwight boilers, their replacement is considered to be a top priority by the BOE. The plan would be to transition to dual fuel boilers with the expectation that gas would be the fuel most often going forward. The purchase price of the Boilers would be \$70K individually with the project in total including fitting and installation coming in at \$294K Representative Marmion inquired about the incremental cost associated with replacing a failed boiler on an emergency basis. Tom Cullen indicated that the expense in such and event would not be insignificant but did not quantify. This item passed in single session with 8 in favor and one abstention.
- Jennings Bathrooms-Phase II** In his opening remarks, Dr. Title acknowledged the misunderstanding with respect to what was, and what was not *intended* by the RTM when it’s members agreed to fund only \$125K of the \$250K requested by the BOE in 2011. He stated that he would not have proceeded with renovation had he understood that the RTM’s intention was to authorize only that which was necessary to address the safety and serviceability issues associated with the sinks and the waste pipes, but noted in his own defense that the amended resolution stated “renovation”. Representative McCarthy acknowledged the fact that the RTM was remiss in not amending the scope of the project as written when it reduced the amount to be funded. Tom Cullen recapped once again the problems with the block walls to which sink brackets could not longer reliably be secured and the deteriorating waste pipes. Representatives McAleese and Mitola, as well as Jennings Principal Tony Voles all spoke in favor of renovation as the best way of addressing the issue (“doing it right”); however, Representative McCarthy and others, while voicing thorough agreement with respect to the need to address the safety and functionality concerns held that the BOE argument for full renovation was not compelling. This item passed in single session with 7 in favor and 2 abstentions.
- Tomlinson Façade:** In response to a question from Representative Ambrose, Tom Cullen stated that \$48K would be the cost associated with the lead abatement. Representative Marmion asked if the deteriorating lead paint represented a safety issue, and asked if the Fire Doors are “out of compliance” relative to code. No definitive answer on either point. Representative McKenzie opined that before proceeding we needed to explore the viability of replacing the old façade and molding with composite material. Representative Dean asked if the building fulfilled the definition of a historical structure, to which Mr. Cullen responded it does not. In single session Representative

McKenzie renewed his concern over the fact that a composite alternative had not been explored and Representative Ference acknowledged the fact that while the doors were old they were not necessarily beyond their useful life. This item failed in single session with 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 6 abstaining.

4. **Tomlinson Flooring:** Tom Cullen stated that due to age and use the floor and subfloor was “spongy” and needed to be replaced. Representative Stamler requested a breakdown of the \$133,350 bottom line amount, Tom Cullen agreed to so provide. Representative Braun wanted to know if the TFC had reviewed the project, Dr Title stated that the TFC was not engaged at Tomlinson. This item passed in single session with 6 in favor and 3 abstaining.
5. **Tomlinson Traffic Concern Resolution:** Dr. Title stated that this has been a longstanding safety problem and one for which there has not been an easy solution. He noted that Chief McNamara, Lt Perez, Mike Galante, and others had taken a long hard look and concluded no easy fixes. Representative Becker wanted to know if this proposal had been cleared with the Parking Authority. Representative Marmion asked if the BOE believed this problem was likely to continue after grandfathering at the parking lot cycles out, to which Dr Title responded in the affirmative. This item failed in single session with 1 opposed and 8 abstaining.
6. **Tank Replacement:** In joint session, Dr. Title spoke to this oil tank replacement project involving 8 schools in all. He stated that for the elementary schools they would follow the same model as at Holland Hill, replacing the below ground tank with a small 250g above ground day tank on the basis of the assumption that gas would be more cost effective fuel for the foreseeable future. Representative Ambrose expressed concern that this may be too ambitious a plan with too much potential risk of finding contamination and having no choice but to remediate; but Tom Cullen noted that the age of the tanks was driving the initiative and stated they were already overdue in response to a question from Representative Hannum. Representative McKenzie suggested it might be prudent to purchase insurance, and Representative Hannum asked if State aid were available to off set some of the cost. In response to a question directed by Representative Stamler, Mr. Cullen stated that the \$3K - \$5K cost of a shed roof covering for each tank was covered in the contingency. This item passed unanimously in single session.
7. **Town-UST:** Director of DPW Richard White spoke to the tank replacement project @ \$219K at the town Garage and the extent of the contamination which was discovered. He stated that given the nature of the contamination and its relative distance from the water table, remediation was a less costly proposition which could be addressed by injecting hydro-carbon consuming microbes into the soil. Representative Dean inquired about expected tank life and the cost to transition to gas, to which Mr. White responded with a \$20K approximation. Representative Jacob wanted to know if there would be economies of scale to be realized by combining this project with the 6 tank removals planned by the BOE. This item passed unanimously in single session.
8. **FD-UST** In joint session, Richard White explained how in the course replacing the fuel tank at the Town Fire Station on Reef Rd contamination from a prior in ground tank was identified. He noted that once contamination was discovered, remediation was rigorously regulated by the EPA. The net cost of the overrun \$234K attributable to the remediation and testing was paid in the short run out of the DPW operating budget. Funding for this expenditure would “pay back” that operating budget. Mr. White noted that DPW’s 2012 budget did benefit from the mild winter; however, those savings were substantially offset by storms Irene and Alfred (fall 2011). Representative Bateson asked about the \$832K balance in the contingency fund, the Town’s Financial Officer (Paul Hiller) stated that the balance as not anticipated to survive the current fiscal year. This item passed unanimously in single session.
9. **Smith Richardson Golf Course:** Jerry Lombardo (Dir Parks & Rec.) and Craig Curley discussed the \$105K renovation project which was now in the 3d year phase of what is a 10 year plan. They noted that the golf course was in its eleventh consecutive year of positive revenue contribution, and that 2012 has gotten off to a good start. Representative Ryan asked about planned improvement for the driving range. Representatives Steele, Ryan, McCarthy and others agreed that a project such as this which creates revenue for the town is a worthy investment. Representative Marmion directed questions to Mr. Curley as to their business plan; dovetailing on that Representative McCarthy asked if the plan was “on target” after making adjustments for actual improvements vs initial assumptions made in 2009 when the plan was created. Mr. Curley stated that it would be difficult to answer at this time. Peter Grace (Smith Rich Sup.) pointed out that the old bunkers required manual draining after every rain and Representative Marmion noted that represents an inefficient use of course maintenance resource. Representative Braun asked if DPW resource might be utilized in an effort to reduce some of the costs; Jerry Lombardo stated that the specific nature of the work required more specialized skills and tools which DPW does not have. This item passed unanimously in single session.

FAIRFIELD RTM
LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES: MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

Present (8): Bateson, Becker, Braun, Brogan, .Garskof, Hoffkins, Stamler, Steele
Absent: DeMartino; Varian

L&A Comm. Votes on Items on the Call for RTM Meeting on 3/19/12:

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No: none
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(4) Tomlinson Middle School Floor Tile Replace – 8 rooms (\$133,350)

VOTE: 3:0:5
Yes: Brogan, Garskof, Hoffkins,
No: none
Abstain: Bateson, Becker, Braun, Stamler, Steele

(5) Tomlinson Middle School Traffic Improvement Project (\$150,000)

VOTE: 1:2:5
Yes: Hoffkins,
No: Bateson, Braun,
Abstain: Becker, Brogan, Garskoff, Stamler, Steele

(6) BOE Oil Tank Removal – System-wide (\$250,000)

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No: none
Abstain: Becker, Braun

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Yes: Bateson, Braun, Brogan, Garskof, Hoffkins, Stamler, Steele
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Abstain: Becker, Braun

March 19, 2012

Kathryn L. Braun

Kathryn L. Braun, Secretary
Legislative & Administrative Standing Committee
Of the Representative Town Meeting

Town of Fairfield RTM
Minutes of Public Health and Safety Committee
Wednesday February 15th, 2012

Chairman: Rep. Michael Herley (R-1)
Vice Chairman: Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5)
Secretary: Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)

The joint meeting of the Ed/Rec and Health and Public Safety Committees was called to order by the Chairman of Health and Public Safety Michael Herley (R-1) at 7:30pm EST.

o Roll Call

HPS

Present: Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), and Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Joseph Felner (R-9), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)

Absent: Rep. Joe Gall (D-5)

o Guests/Speakers

Pam Iacono (BOE)
David Title
Mike Tetreau (First Selectman)
Erin Aichlen (Hoffman Architects)
Richard White
Jerry Lombardo
Connie Dawson
Mr. Tony Vuolo

o Administrative Matters

o Meeting Business

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Underground Storage Tanks

This has been an ongoing problem for the last 10-12 years.

Chairman Herley asked if the baseball field in the picture would be affected by the contamination and the answer was no.

Alan Marks asked if there was a worse case scenario and Mr. White was 90% sure that it would be ok.

Mary McCullough asked if there were cameras at the facility and Mr. White thought that would be a good thing to look in to.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) and Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)]

Cost Overrun for the underground tank at Fire Station 1

Carol Pontrelli asked if Public Works knew how much the remediation would cost and he said he did not because there was no one around with the longevity needed to have that foresight.

First Selectman Tetreau stepped up and explained that we need to approve this and finish in the black because we want to be able to say that we finished in the black for five years in bad economic times when it is time to be rated.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) and Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)]

HSR Golf Course

\$105,000 is for some bunkers and tee boxes.

Herley asked why the capital projects have not brought in more noticeable numbers in terms of revenue. The answer is because the golf course needs the updates in order to stay at the top of its game and pays the town back over time.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), AGAINSTS: Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), and Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9)]

Boilers

Dwight boilers are from 1962, and they need to be replaced.

Chairman Herley asked why the boilers are not painted. The answer was because they have and it does not work because they get so hot that the paint ends up flaking off.

Chairman Herley asked if they broke, what would be the scenario. The answer was that the school would need to shut down and it would not be a quick fix.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) and Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) and Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)]

Jennings Bathrooms

\$250,000 requested last year and received half from the RTM last year and so therefore did half the work. Chairman Herley and Rep. Joe Felner both requested that the language be very clear the next time the BOE comes before the RTM requesting money due to the confusion and miscommunication that happened last year.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1). AGAINSTS: Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5). ABSTENTIONS: Rep. Art Hug (R-4)]

Tomlinson Middle School Flooring

Painting is done by an outside contractor.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), and Rep. Michael Herley (R-1). ABSTENTIONS: Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1) and Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9).

Tomlinson Traffic

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Question was raised about how much square footage of flooring we replacing. 64,000 was an estimate.

Mrs. Dawson, explained the crowded Tomlinson traffic situation.

Dr. Title also explained the traffic situation.

Herley asked if the police commission unanimously approved and it was.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) and Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)]

#6 System Wide, and #4 Tomlinson Flooring Tanks all were unanimously approved.

[IN FAVOR: Rep. Jennifer Hochberg (D-7), Rep. Joe Felner (R-9), Rep. Michael Herley (R-1), Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5), Rep. Jay Wolk (D-6), Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) and Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Art Hug (R-4), Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9)]

o Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Chairman Michael Herley (R-1) at 10:47pm EST and that was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Secretary for the Public Health and Safety Committee, on March 23, 2012.

Town of Fairfield RTM
Minutes of Public Works and Planning Committee
Monday, March 19, 2012

Chairman: Rep. Eric Sundman (R-1)
Vice-Chairman: Rep. Chris McAleese (D-5)
Secretary: Rep. Dana Kery (R-8)

The meeting was called or order in the 1st floor conference room of Independence Hall at approximately 7:30.

Presenters:

- Richard White – Underground Storage Tanks
- Gerry Lombardo – Smith Richardson Golf Course
- David Title – Proposed Capital Improvement Projects 2012-2013

The Committee moved to the 2nd floor conference room of Independence Hall at approximately 10:30
Committee members present: Rep. Amy Mezoff (R-4), Rep. Tom Conley (R-3), Rep. Dana Kery (R-8), Rep. Eric Newman (D-7), Rep. Eric Sundman (R-1), Rep. Joe Palmer (R-4), Rep. John Mitola (D-2), Rep. Leigh Hannum (D-10), Rep. Chris McAleese (D-5)
Absent: Rep. Jeff Stopa (D-8)

Business

Agenda Item One: Dwight Boiler – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Agenda Item Two: Jennings Bathrooms - 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Committee discussed last year's cut and the continued need to renovate the bathrooms at Jennings.

Agenda Item Three: Tomlinson Façade – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Agenda Item Four: Tomlinson Flooring – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Agenda Item Five: Tomlinson Traffic Project – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Committee discussed whether any of the Powder Shack property may be utilized, if it would improve flow for bus loop

Committee requests Chief McNamara to be available to speak about the traffic plan at the RTM meeting on March 26

Agenda Item Six: BOE underground tanks – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Committee discussed potential remediation, and possibility of further requests.

Agenda Item Seven: DPW underground tanks – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Agenda Item Eight: Fire Station tank removal – 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention

Agenda Item Nine: Smith Richardson – 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Mezoff), 0 abstention

Adjournment:

There was a unanimous vote to adjourn around 11:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Dana Kery (R-8), Secretary for the Public Works and Planning Committee, on March 22, 2012.