

Town of Fairfield RTM
Minutes of Public Health and Safety Committee
Wednesday October 23rd, 2013

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 Michael Herley (R-1) at 7:35pm EDT.

○ Roll Call

HPS

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

Absent: Rep. Gaylord Meyer (R-1), Rep. Matthew Ambrose (D-5)

○ Meeting Business

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These are standardized and they save the town money. These also have residual value and can be sold. The companies can also not install these with permission from the companies that have installed the roofs, so the warranty is not voided. **(This goes for all of these systems)**

Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) asked questions regarding the financing on these systems and wanted answers on whether the costs were fixed.

Questions were asked about any downsides, and there were relatively none associated with these machines.

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o Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Rep. Carol Pontrelli (R-9) and seconded by Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) at pm 8:21pmEST and that was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Secretary for the Public Health and Safety Committee, on October 24th, 2013.

RTM Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for 10/21/2012

Committee Members in attendance:

Finance Committee Monday, October 21, 2013	Item#4	Item#5	Item#6**	Item#7	Item#8	Item#9
Peter Ambrose	A	A	N	A	A	A
Tom McCarthy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hank Ference	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Bruce Ryan	A	A	A	A	A	A
Dave Mackenzie	A	A	A	A	A	A
Heather Dean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Absent: Marmion, Newman, Jacob, Lee

SEVEN RESOLUTIONS WERE REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE BY THE RTM FOR REVIEW/ACTION PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28th.

Respectfully submitted; Thomas E McCarthy (Secretary).

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Comments: Not Considered. Sanford Herman was not present.

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Comments:

Mr. Ed Bowman (DPW) assisted by town attorney Lesser spoke to the six (6) roof projects in joint session and then responded to specific questions from committee members. He stated that the 5 agreements were now uniform pending some final negotiation with one of the two contractors (GreenSkies). He noted that the agreements now require the contractors to provide liability insurance and that the terms are in relative terms “friendly”. He stated that the projects themselves were technically the same, and that in his opinion the solar arrays would not compromise the longevity of any roof. He stated that with the possible exception of the Senior Center and the Public Works Garage the 6 roofs selected for the project have a 20+ year projected useful life. In response to Representative Hopkins who asked if it might not be better for the town to purchase the panels, he noted that DPW does not have that expertise in house. Representatives Mackenzie and others expressed concern about a 20 year commitment to a technology which could conceivably be displaced in a few short years. In response, Mr. Bowman stated that the cost of installation would be more likely to change, and the cost savings would still be a known quantity. Representatives Ambrose, and others expressed concern about the long term economic viability of this business/solar contractors and questioned the selection process and degree to which the two suppliers were vetted. Mr. Bowman noted that the vetting was effectively done by the state and the financial backers. With the exception of the Rec. Center, these project were approved in single session with 3 in favor and 3 abstaining.

Town of Fairfield

Legislative and Administrative Committee Meeting

Minutes for Monday, 10/21/13

on the Call for the 10/28/13 Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting

Committee Members in attendance: Bateson, Becker, Braun, Brogan, DiMartino, Garskof, Hoffkins, Stamler, Steele Absent: Varian

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn L. Braun, Secretary

The L&A Committee opened at about 8:45 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of the Joint Committee Session of the Finance, Public Works and L&A Committees. RTM Agenda Items and actions taken by L&A Committee:

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No action was taken as the appointee was not in attendance.

Items # 4 through 9 were combined and discussed together:

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As to Items 4 - 9: Motion to approve Garskof; Seconded: Stamler. Vote: 0:0:9 (All abstaining)

Discussion: those present and abstaining would like to find our more information as follows: (a) See if can shorten from 20 year commitment to 15 years with 5 year option; (b) ascertain Roof replacement schedule for the subject buildings; (c) review existing roof warranty's on subject buildings to ensure no violations or exposures.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.