

Votes at L&A Subcommittee meeting, February 19, 2013:

Present: Ed Bateson, David Becker, Chris Brogan, Kevin Hoffkins, Ann Stamler, Jeff Steele, Josh Garskof

Absent: Kathy Braun, Joseph DeMartino, Keith Varian

Item # 5:

Phoebe S. Kaylor: Moved by Ann Stamler, seconded by Kevin Hoffkins, approved unanimously.

Christopher Shea: Moved by Ann Stamler, seconded by Chris Brogan, approved unanimously.

Item #6: Moved by Kevin Hoffkins, seconded by Ed Bateson. Failed 2 (Kevin Hoffkins, Ann Stamler) -0-4.

Item # 7: Moved Kevin Hoffkins, seconded Chris Brogan, approved unanimously.

RTM Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for 02/19/2013

Committee Members in attendance:

Finance Committee Tuesday, February 19, 2013		Item#5		Item#6						Item#7
				1	2	3	4	5	6	
Peter Ambrose	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	A		A
Shiela Marmion	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	A	A		A
Tom McCarthy	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A		A
Bruce Ryan	Y	N	A	N	N	A	N	A		A
Dave Mackenzie	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	A		A
Ken Lee	Y	Y	Y	N	-	-	-	-		-
Eric Newman	Y	Y	Y	A	H	Y	Y	A		A
Hank Ference	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A		A
Ellen Jacob	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	A	A		A
Heather Dean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A		A

THREE (3) MATTERS WERE REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE BY THE RTM FOR REVIEW/ACTION PRIOR TO THE MAY GENERAL MEETING. THE NUMBERING OF THE POINTS WHICH FOLLOW CORRESPOND TO THE UPCOMING 02/25/2013 RTM AGENDA.

Respectfully submitted; Thomas E McCarthy (Secretary).

5. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment of an Alternate to the Historic District Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Phoebe S. Kaylor (U), 801 Banks North Road, Term Nov. 2008 - 2013

(To replace Thomas Dailey, who moved to full member)

Christopher Shea (R), 917 Merwins Lane, Term Nov. 2009 - 2014 (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Heather Dean)

Comments: Addressing a joint session of L&A, Finance, and PW&P, Ms Kaylor stated that she read about this opening in the Minuteman and felt it would be a great opportunity for her to make a contribution to the community. She stated that she believed that Fairfield's historic buildings are a great asset and that she could be judicious about reconciling preservation of historic character and homeowners interests. In response to a question directed to her by representative Conley she assured committee members that she would have no difficulty in holding firm where circumstances so dictated, even in contentious situations. Mr. Shea spoke to his credentials as a builder and his experience with historic renovation. He noted also that he would be sensitive to situations in which his professional standing might represent a perceived conflict of interest and he would recuse himself in those instances were circumstances to so dictate. Representative Dean cautioned that the dilemma of perceived conflicting interests often surfaces at the HDC but she was otherwise very impressed with Mr. Shea's credentials. Both candidates were approved unanimously in single session by this committee.

6. 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 \$1,037,000 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.”

Comments: Addressing the joint session of L&A, Finance, and PW&P, Director of Public Works, Joe Michelangelo spoke to 5 of the 6 projects:

- 1.) \$105K for back up generator at Town Hall
- 2.) \$300K for new bridge design
- 3.) \$172K HVAC system at Fire Station 1
- 4.) \$160K HVAC addition at Police Station
- 5.) \$200K Library Roof

He responded to questions from representatives Stopa and McAlleese as to the generator’s useful life and fuel requirements. Representatives Steele and Mitola expressed concern with respect to managing the duration of any bridge project while representatives Mackenzie and McCarthy expressed concern over the excessive cost of simply creating a new bridge design. Mr. Michelangelo explained that the HVAC system at the Fire House would replace an outdated boiler and air conditioning system and would therefore have a 15 year payback period through energy cost savings. He stated that the HVAC system for the police station would correct problems which arose from replacing two units with a single unit 2 years prior.

Mr. Michelangelo stated that water damage had already resulted from the Fairfield Woods Library failing roof. In response to a question from representative Marks, Mr. Michelangelo explained that the new Fairfield Woods Library roof would not represent additional re-work if the town were to consider a renovation/expansion project in the near future.

Gerry Lombardo spoke to (project#6) the bunker and T box improvements at Smith-Rich Golf Course, stating that it is part of a 10 year project intended to maintain the facility as a self sustaining modest revenue producer for the town. Representative Mackenzie asked if the renovation work could be funded out of the profits generated by operating fees. Representative Bateson advised Mr. Lombardo that the golf course needs to be a revenue generator for the town, and Representative Steele asked if the facility could be more economically viable through privatizing all or part of it. Mr. Lombardo indicated that they were in the process of reviewing several options.

Representatives Ambrose, Hannum, Marks and others all questioned the wisdom of publicly setting aside funds for a project prior to going out to bid.

In single session the six items were voted on individually (see results grid).

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the Bond Appropriation entitled, ‘A Resolution Amending and Restating a Resolution Adopted March 26, 2012, by the Representative Town Meeting,’ consisting of four pages, a copy of which is attached hereto, be, and hereby is, approved.”

Comments: Speaking to the joint session of L&A, Finance, and PW&P, Director of Public Works, Joe Michelangelo explained that this request was for funding for tank removal, monitoring, and remediation at the Town Garage over and above what had been approved by the RTM in 2012. He stated that the cost for the removal and monitoring fee were initially underestimated and that \$50K was needed immediately. The remaining sum was related to addressing the contamination, the scope of which now being greater than originally understood. Representatives MacKenzie, Steele, and others questioned the process by which the initially sizing was at first misunderstood and if at least there were lessons learned. Mr. Michelangelo responded in the affirmative. In single session members choose to abstain as not everyone had seen the full description sent by Email that morning and some open questions still remained.

Town of Fairfield RTM
Minutes of Public Works and Planning Committee
Tuesday, February 19, 2013

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 joint session in the McKinley School APR at approximately 7:30.

Presenters:

- Phoebe Kaylor
- Christopher Shea
- Jerry Lombardo and Peter Grace
- Joe Michelangelo

Committee members present: Chris McAleese, John Mitola, Tom Conley, Dana Kery, Charles Abercrombie, Joe Palmer, Jeff Stopa, Leigh Hannum.

Absent: Eric Sundman, Amy Mezzoff

Business

Agenda Item Five: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Agenda Item Six: 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Conley, Hannum, Abercrombie), 0 abstentions

Agenda Item Seven: 0 in favor, 8 opposed, 0 abstentions - Committee would like more information about the final cost

7:35 – 7:55 Joint committee question and answer with Phoebe Kaylor and Christopher Shea

7:55 – 8:20 Joint committee question and answer with Jerry Lombardo and Peter Grace concerning Exhibit A Item #6, Bunker and Tee Box renovation at H. Smith Richardson.

8:20 – 9:40 Joint committee question and answer with Joe Michelangelo concerning Agenda Items 6 and 7.

Adjournment:

There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Dana Kery (R-8), Secretary for the Public Works and Planning Committee, on February 22, 2013.

Town of Fairfield RTM
Minutes of Public Health and Safety Committee
Wednesday February 20th, 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 Mary McCullough (R-3) at 7:33pm EDT.

○ Roll Call

HPS

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

Absent: Rep. Joe Felner (R-9).

Guests/Speakers

○ Administrative Matters

None

○ Meeting Business

Item 5:

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(To replace Thomas Dailey, who moved to full member)**

**Christopher Shea (R), 917 Merwins Lane, Term Nov. 2009 - 2014
(To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Heather Dean)
(Referred to All Standing Committees)**

Rep. Herley asked Mrs. Kaylor to give a brief background summary about her and why she would be a good member of the Commission.

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

Item 6:

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(Referred to All Standing Committees)

Public Works Items

Rep. Herley asked about decibel levels and if they would take that into consideration when selecting a generator.

Rep. Marc Patten, asked how old the bridge is and whether that was average.

Rep. Gaylord Meyer asked about solar energy, but they are not looking into that at this time.

Golf Course

We talked extensively about generating income and how these repairs would increase town revenue.

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

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

○ Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn by Rep. Ruth Smey (D-5) at 9:12pm EST and that was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Rep. Bill Domeika (R-9), Secretary for the Public Health and Safety Committee, on February 20th, 2013.

RTM Education & Recreation Subcommittee Meeting
 McKinley Elementary School Cafeteria

February 20, 2013

Mary McCullough, Chairman of the Education & Recreation Committee called the joint meeting of the Education & Recreation Committee and the Public Health & Safety Committee to order at 7:35 pm.

In attendance: Leonora Campbell (D-6), Julie Gottlieb (D-6), Mary McCullough (R-3), Nick Mirabile (R-9), and Marc Patten (D-7)

Absent: Amy Jennings (R-2), Allen Marks (D-8), Hal Schwartz (D-7) and Carol Way (R-10)

Vacancy: for Carolyn Richmond (R-1)

Presentations were made on Item 5; since there were no presenters attending on the remaining items, the joint meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. At 8:05, Public Works Director Joe Michelangelo arrived and the joint meeting was reconvened at that time. At 9:02 pm, the joint meeting adjourned and the Education & Recreation Committee reconvened to vote.

Item #5:

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- Phoebe S. Kaylor (U), 801 Banks North Road, Term Nov. 2008 - 2013
 (To replace Thomas Dailey, who moved to full member)
- Christopher Shea (R), 917 Merwins Lane, Term Nov. 2009 - 2014
 (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Heather Dean)

Ms. Phoebe Kaylor introduced herself and asked to be considered for appointment. Mr. Christopher Shea was not in attendance; therefore, the committee chose to split the item's vote.

Motion to consider and vote on Christopher Shea was made by Representative Campbell and seconded by Representative McCullough.

Vote on Item #5 (Christopher Shea): 0-0-5

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell			X	Nick Mirabile			X
Julie Gottlieb			X	Marc Patten			X
Amy Jennings	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Carol Way	---	---	---
Mary McCullough			X				

Motion to consider and vote on Phoebe Kaylor was made by Representative Gottlieb and seconded by Representative Campbell.

Vote on Item #5 (Phoebe Kaylor): 4-0-1

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Nick Mirabile	X		
Julie Gottlieb	X			Marc Patten			X
Amy Jennings	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Carol Way	---	---	---
Mary McCullough	X						

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Mr. Joe Michelangelo, Director of Public Works, presented and answered questions.

Motion made by Representative Patten and seconded by Representative Mirabile.

Vote on Item #6: 1-2-2

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Nick Mirabile		X	
Julie Gottlieb			X	Marc Patten		X	
Amy Jennings	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Carol Way	---	---	---
Mary McCullough			X				

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Motion made by Representative Gottlieb and seconded by Representative Patten.

Vote on Item #7: 5-0-0

Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Leonora Campbell	X			Nick Mirabile	X		
Julie Gottlieb	X			Marc Patten	X		
Amy Jennings	---	---	---	Hal Schwartz	---	---	---
Allen Marks	---	---	---	Carol Way	---	---	---
Mary McCullough	X						

There was a unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Gottlieb (D-6)
Education & Recreation Committee