

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
JUNE 24, 2013

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, June 24, 2013 at the Education Center, Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by acting Moderator Hank Ference.

PRESENT: 39 ABSENT: 11 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Becker, Sundman, P. Ambrose, Mitola, Varian, Bateson, Conley, Ference, McCullough, Dean, DeMartino, Hug, Mezoff, M. Ambrose, Garskof, McAleese, Smey, Stamler, Brogan, Campbell, Gottlieb, Marmion, Wolk, Hochberg, Hoffkins, Patten, Schwartz, Braun, Kery, Marks, McCarthy, Domeika, Felner, Jacob, Mirabile, Pontrelli, Abercrombie, Lee, Ryan

ABSENT: Herley, Lipp, Meyer, Jennings, Steele, Mackenzie, Palmer, Newman, Stopa, Hannum, Way

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

Moderator Ference asked for a moment of silence and to keep the family of First Selectman Tetreau in our thoughts and prayers for the recent passing of his mother, Rowena Tetreau.

Members of the Fairfield Warde Tennis Team were presented certificates by First Selectman Tetreau for being the 2013 Class L Co - Champions.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2013 AND MAY 20, 2013

Upon motion made by Mary McCullough, District 3, duly seconded by Chris Brogan, District 6 and carried unanimously, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

SUSPENSION OF RULES: Mary McCullough, District 3, moved to take Item # 13 out of order, seconded by Nick Mirabile, District 9, and carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 13 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT A CERTAIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATED BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION (UPSEU) UNIT # 454 CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2010 AND ENDING June 30, 2014 BE, AND HEREBY IS, RATIFIED

MOTION: Peter Ambrose, District 2 moved to waive the reading of Item 13, duly seconded by Ann Stamler, District 5, and carried unanimously.

VOTE: The motion to approve the DPW contract was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: TO RECEIVE THE ASSESSOR'S REPORT ON THE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM AS REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 95, ARTICLE III, SECTION 15.1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

The report, presented by Assessor Don Ross, was distributed to the Body.

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ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: REPORT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE.

Steve Grathwohl, Affordable Housing Committee, stated that the report had been distributed to the Body.

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM ARE HEREBY APPROVED, AND THAT THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE MUNICIPAL LIASON OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD FOR THIS PROGRAM

Mary McCullough, District 3, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Peter Ambrose, District 2.

VOTE: The NAA programs were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT THE PY 39 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) IS HEREBY APPROVED IN AN AMOUNT TO BE FINALIZED BY HUD, AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT MICHAEL C. TETREAU, FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, BE, AND HEREBY IS, AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS THAT FACILITATE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN SAID CDBG PROGRAM

MOTION: Mary McCullough, District 3, moved to waive the reading of this item, duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

MOTION: Ed Bateson, District 3, moved to amend the resolution by deleting, "to be finalized by HUD," and inserting the following in its stead, "not to exceed \$436,986," duly seconded.

VOTE: The motion to amend the resolution by adding the dollar amount was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VOTE: The resolution to approve the PY39 CBDG, as amended, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO.7 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT MICHAEL C. TETREAU, FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, BE, AND HEREBY IS, AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR THE 2013-2014 FAIRFIELD YOUTH SERVICES STATE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,729 AND TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS ARE NECESSARY TO FACILITATE SUCH APPLICATION, AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN MATCH FUNDS FOR SAID GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,729 ALREADY CONTAINED IN THE FY 2013-2014 BUDGET IN PERSONNEL SERVICES, AND, FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH GRANT, GRANT FUNDS MAY BE EXPENDED AS SET FORTH IN THE GRANT DOCUMENTS

MOTION: Peter Ambrose, District 2 moved to waive the reading of Item 13, duly seconded by Ann Stamler, District 5, and carried unanimously.

Youth Services Director Virginia Paules was introduced.

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VOTE: The resolution to approve the Youth Services grant was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT TO SKYVIEW SOLAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRICGENERATION SYSTEM AT THE POSTAL RECREATION CENTER PARKING LOT AT 75 MILL PLAIN ROAD FOR THE SOLE BENEFIT OF THE POSTAL RECREATION CENTER, THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT BEING TWENTY YEARS, BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED

Heather Dean, District 4, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Joseph DeMartino, District 4.

MOTION: Chris Brogan, District 6 moved to postpone consideration of this item until the Body sees the contract, duly seconded by Ed Bateson, District 3.

Mr. Brogan questioned who the back up contractors are, who will be responsible for what costs, the upkeep, etc.

Ms. Dean asked if there would be any impact to the delay of this item.

DPW Director Joe Michaelangelo stated that it would set the project back a month.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Item 8 to the July 22 meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT TO SKYVIEW SOLAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC GENERATION SYSTEM ON THE ROOF OF OPERATION HOPE AT 50 NICHOLS STREET FOR THE SOLE BENEFIT OF OPERATION HOPE, THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT BEING TWENTY YEARS, BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED

Tom McCarthy, District 8, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Art Hug, District 4.

MOTION: Peter Ambrose, District 2 requested that this Item be postponed to the July 22 meeting for the same reasons as Item 8, adding that we should be aware of the terms of the contract, duly seconded by Tom McCarthy, District 8.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Item 9 to the July 22 meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

SUSPENSION OF RULES: Mary McCullough, District 3, moved to take Item #12 out of order, seconded by Marc Patten, District 7, and carried with 38 in favor, 1 abstention (Marks).

ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (1) ESTABLISH THE FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE; (2) AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT; AND (3) AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A SCHOOL BUILDING GRANT

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Tom McCarthy, District 8, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Art Hug, District 4.

Amy Mezoff, District 4, asked if the motion contains standard wording in short form. There are 2 proposals for 2 schools, done differently. She asked why they are different.

First Selectman Tetreau stated that the traditional process was used for Riverfield School. We give information to the Building Committee, the BOE specs, then they come back to us with a rough estimate; in this case, \$11,000,000. With Ludlowe, the architects were told you have "X" amount of money to use, then they need to tell us what they can do, tell us what it will cost or through collective discussions, present the most efficient way to do the project within our budget. The Building Committee role has changed. The Board of Selectmen will be updating the changes, last revised in 2007.

Dr. Title commented that the BOE specs are very narrow - explaining that if A, B and C fit into this number, we can't do D, E and F if there is money left.

VOTE: The motion to establish the Ludlowe Building Committee was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 12 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$11,630,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION, BE, AND HEREBY IS APPROVED

Ken Lee, District 10, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Joe Felner, District 9.

Robert Mayer, Chief Fiscal Officer gave a brief presentation referring to Fairfield Public Schools Waterfall Schedule Amendments document that had been distributed to the Body. He also noted that the last bonding cost was at a rate of 2%. The next shall be at a rate of 3 1/2% - 4%.

Phil Dwyer, BOE Chairman, stated that the BOE approved the Waterfall Schedule amendments and said that we need to keep our projects in balance.

VOTE: The bonding resolution in the amount of \$11,630,000 for renovations to Ludlowe High School was approved by unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: Ann Stamler, District 5, moved to waive the reading of Item 11, duly seconded by Ken Lee, District 10 and carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 11 ON CALL: RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, "A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$14,485,766 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF RIVERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION," BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED

Mary McCullough, District 3, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Kevin Hoffkins, District 7.

Marc Patten, District 7, and Nick Mirabile, District 9, spoke in support of this project.

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Brenda Anziano, Principal of Riverfield School, urged support of this project.

Riverfield Building Committee Chairman Quinn thanked Principal Anziano for being an able, willing and gracious partner for the past 14 months.

VOTE: The bonding resolution in the amount of \$14,485,766 for renovations to Riverfield School was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Selectman Cristin McCarthy-Vahey thanked Rep. Hank FERENCE for acting as Moderator for the evening.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Kyle Fournier