

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in the First Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau, Selectman Christopher W. Tymniak, Selectman Kevin P. Kiley

Others Present: Keith Broderick, George Clark, Phil Dwyer, Jack Eigen, Judy Ewing, Chris Lyddy, Gary MacNamara, Kim Marshall, Joan and Dennis Poster, Joseph Rainis, Robert Smith, Ginny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fairfield Public Schools are closed tomorrow; town offices will probably be closed.

- 3) MINUTES-To consider and act upon the minutes of: Regular Meeting of December 20, 2017 Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the minutes of December 20, 2017. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 4) RECOGNITION Recognition of Fairfield Fire Union's Participation in Operation Warm

Lt. Smith and FF Rainis gave background of the Charitable Foundation. They raised \$4,000 to purchase 100 new US made winter coats for McKinley School children. The children get to pick out the color. Operation Warm has provided warm coats for three years to McKinley School children in need and next year they are going to expand to include Holland Hill School. Lt. Smith said it is a very rewarding project. The online fund page is operationwarm.org/Fairfield. It is closed out for this year and will begin again at the end of summer. The Selectman's Office will help get the word out. Selectman Tymniak thanked them and said every child should have a warm winter coat. He said parents are very appreciative as children grow out of them so fast. Selectman Kiley thanked them for their wonderful work and said we are fortunate to have them protecting our town and participating in this. First Selectman Tetreau said they go above and beyond protecting the community and found a segment of our community in need to help. He thanked them for their tremendous effort and expanding the project.

- 5) RECOGNITION Recognition of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Chief MacNamara, Deputy Chief Lyddy and Officer Broderick explained Law Enforcement Appreciation Day helps educate the public on what they do as often times people don't understand what law enforcement entails. There was a growing negativity on a national level and families who lost law enforcement officers organized this national event to get people to understand and recognize the men and women who go to work to make them safe. Mr. and Mrs. Poster have been instrumental in raising awareness on local level. Chief MacNamara recognized Mr. and Mrs. Poster's passion as they reach out to families of every officer killed across the

nation in the line of duty. They reached out to 128 families this year alone. He values their friendship and the support they give the Police Department.

Jack Eigen a Fairfield Country Day student began a project where each student wrote why they appreciate the Police Officers who keep them safe. He put all the thank you notes in a jar and Chief MacNamara will place it in a central location so officers can read the well wishes before they begin their tour. It is to say thank you on a broad level. Chief MacNamara thanked his people who are out there every day. First Selectman Tetreau on behalf of the town thanked the Police and Fire Departments, telecommunicators and DPW; departments where someone is always on duty protecting and keeping the town safe, during holidays and in the bitter cold. Selectman Tymniak said the recognition is something we should do daily. He appreciates the hardships on their families and wishes news media would focus on the positive. Selectman Kiley thanked their entire team who are working 24 hours a day/365 days a year. The LED website gives examples on how to show appreciation every day. The BOS presented the proclamation to them.

6) **RESIGNATIONS (for information only)**

Economic Development Commission

Raymond P. Meglio (U), 345 Rock Ridge Road, term 11/16 – 11/21
(Resignation Date: January 1, 2018)

7) **APPOINTMENTS** To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:

a. Affordable Housing Committee

Vikki Cooper (D), 93 Division Avenue, term 11/15 – 11/19

(to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Robert Frigo)

Selectman Kiley motioned to approve the item. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

b. Historic District Commission (requires RTM approval)

George E. Clark (R), 174 Old South Road, term 11/16 – 11/21 (alternate)

(to fill a vacancy for Rosina Negron who is moving to full member)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

BOS thanked Mr. Clark for serving. Mr. Clark will attend the RTM meeting and follow up with Kathleen Griffin.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

8) **OSBORN HILL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE** To hear, consider and act upon a request from the Osborn Hill School Building Committee to disband

Selectman Kiley motioned to approve the item. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

Kim Marshall is pleased to announce the remediation and listed the important work performed. She confirmed all close out documents have been submitted. She noted the successful completion of the project is due to the project team and recognized the school building committee for their tireless efforts. She requested they be formally discharged from the duties of this project.

BOS thanked them for their countless hours over the last five years. The school looks great and they met every challenge that arose. The BOE acceptance is included in the back up. They tackled PCBs for the first time and smoothly managed the Osborne Hill community, faculty and students. She said it was an honor to be on the committee and it was a learning experience because of the hazardous materials.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

9) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount recommended.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.

Selectman Kiley motioned to amend the item to strike the second word “recommended” and add the words “of \$17,420.35”. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion.

The main motion as amended passed unanimously, 3-0.

10) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting. The BOS wished everyone a Happy New Year.

11) ADJOURN Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary