

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 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: John Brannelly, Anthony Calabrese, Brian Carey, Kyran Dunn, Peter Grace, Emmeline Harrigan, Michael Holtz, Kevin Maloney, Denis McCarthy, Joseph Michelangelo, Dick Dmochowski, Jim Wendt, FairTV

1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Kiley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of: Regular Meeting of January 3, 2018

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the minutes of January 3, 2018. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Fairfield Ludlowe High School student for participating in the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities' #LoCoolGov Scholarship Program

CCM's Communications Director Kevin Maloney said that CCM held a its first ever contest for middle and high school students asking them to submit a poem, video or essay describing why the towns they live in are special. Among the 100 participants, CCM gave out scholarships to four winners and also recognized all of the other students with Certificates of Merit for sending in a submission. Michael Holtz, a Fairfield high school student, submitted a poem entitled Healthy Choices. The BOS presented a certificate to Mr. Holtz and congratulated him on his poem. Mr. Holtz said he was honored to receive the recognition and thought the concept of government supporting local events in town is very cool.

5) RESIGNATIONS (**for information only**)

Historic District Commission

Thomas A. Dailey (D), 10 Southport Woods Drive, term 11/12 – 11/17

(Resignation Date: January 3, 2018)

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

a) Fire Commission

John Brannelly Jr. (D), 1475 Burr Street, term 11/13 – 11/18

(to fill a vacancy for Frank Cieplinski whose term expired)

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

The Selectmen said Mr. Brannelly is a great choice for the Commission and thanked him.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

b) H. Smith Richardson Clubhouse Building Committee **(requires RTM approval)**

Rodney J. Van Deusen, Jr. (D), 157 Longdean Road

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

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Van Deusen for his willingness to serve and noted his great background.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

c) Harbor Management Commission **(requires RTM approval)**

- i. Jacob M. Herschler (D), 1226 Pequot Avenue, term 11/17 – 11/19 (alternate)
(to fill a seat that has been vacant since April 2013)

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

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Herschler for his willingness to serve and for stepping up. First Selectman Tetreau briefly discussed two very important Harbor Management projects coming up.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- ii. Ted J. Schwartzman (U), 60 Lalley Boulevard, term 11/17 – 11/21
(to fill a vacancy for Cheryl Beacock whose term expired)

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

The Selectmen welcomed Mr. Schwartzman to the Commission.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

7) PLANNING DIRECTOR

To hear a FEMA CRS progress report on action items outlined in the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Assistant Planning and Zoning Director Emmeline Harrigan gave background and discussed the purpose of the plan. She reviewed the flood insurance premium savings, natural mitigation plan, flood impacts, berm project, prevention, property protection, structural, natural systems protection, education and awareness, emergency services, objectives progress and a schedule. Planning and Zoning Director Jim Wendt noted that information on the floodplain management plan can be found on the Plan and Zoning Department's webpage on the Town's website. Mr. Wendt then highlighted the plan's points.

8) NON-RECURRING CAPITAL

To hear and consider certain Town non-recurring capital projects

Item #2- H. Smith Richardson Green Rebuild/Shape – Parks and Recreation Department Director Anthony Calabrese gave background on expanding the green and tee box. Peter Grace said the ten-year plan is staying on track and will improve cart paths if there are extra funds.

Public comment – none.

Item #1 Fairfield Woods Branch Library Elevator Replacement, Project Cost \$325,000 – DPW Director Joseph Michelangelo gave background and said this project allows for an ADA compatible elevator to be put in. He feels \$50,000 will address variables and unknowns. First Selectman Tetreau said that in addition to meeting ADA requirements, this will enhance life safety to provide emergency egress from the lower level.

Public comment – none.

Item #3a Fire Department Replacement of Mobile Column Lifts Waterfall Budget Request \$120,000 – Fire Chief Denis McCarthy said the replacements will address a number of safety issues such as mechanics safety, trip hazards, and lift safety; trucks are heavier and larger than years ago.

Item #3b Replacement of Fire Department Command Vehicle \$106,000 – Fire Chief McCarthy reviewed the purpose, justification, efficiency and productivity of the request. He said the current command car will continue to serve the department for five years as a reserve and then for an additional five years as a utility vehicle. The car responds to 2,500 calls a year and a reliable vehicle is needed. The BOS discussed DPW's catch-up plan and bonding.

Public comments – none.

Item #4 Engineering Investigation, Design and Permitting Services Railroad Bridge Tidegate Structure and Dike 280 Old Dam Road – Conservation Director Brian Carey gave background, purpose and justification to replace triple tidegates that protect many properties. He said the bulkhead is deteriorating. He will come back to the BOS with solid numbers after the design. Conservation is working with the Flood and Erosion Control Board. Mr. Carey said he will add a waterfall chart in the 14 point documents.

Mr. Carey explained tide gate functions and usage. He said the gates were installed in the early 1980's and are adjusted during storms. He said Fairfield takes a proactive approach to maintain the infrastructure.

Public comment – Flood and Erosion Control Board Chair Dick Dmochowski reiterated that the tide gates are the number one defense against coastal flooding. He encouraged the BOS when they vote to keep in mind there is a continuing program to replace the tide gates.

Information Technology Data Center Relocation – Due to the IT manager out sick, the item will be reviewed at a future meeting.

9) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$33,479.26.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

10) TOWN ATTORNEY - Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation

The item will be discussed at a later date.

11) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is a special meeting to be held January 31st. The February 7th meeting is cancelled. The next regular meeting will be February 21st.

12) ADJOURN

Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary