

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2018

MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018 in the First Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall. The meeting was recorded in part by FairTV, Fairfield's Education and Government Access Channel.

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

Others Present: Kyran Dunn, Dr. Toni Jones, Stanton Lesser, Robert Mayer, Denis McCarthy, Sal Morabito, Genny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) RESIGNATIONS (**for information only**)
 - a. Burr Gardens Advisory Committee
Anna K. Taylor (U), 105 Meeting House Lane, term 11/16 – 11/19
(Resignation Date: March 21, 2018)
 - b. Golf Commission
Alexander C. Grutkowski (R), 463 Half Mile Road, term 11/16 – 11/21
(Resignation Date: March 14, 2018)
- 4) APPOINTMENTS
To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:
Strategic Plan Committee
 - a. Marc G. Andre (D), 1468 Burr Street
 - b. Andrew T. Graceffa (D), 165 York Road

Selectman Kiley motioned to approve Items 4a and 4b. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 5) SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (**requires RTM approval**)
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as requested by the Superintendent of Schools:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Town of Fairfield's Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Sherman Elementary School Renovation Project at Sherman Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sherman Elementary School Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Sherman Elementary School Renovation Project at Sherman Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Sherman Elementary School Renovation Project at Sherman Elementary School.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion. Mr. Morabito explained the three resolutions required to initiate the project. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

6) SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (**requires Board of Finance and RTM approval**)

To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution entitled “A Resolution Appropriating \$3,200,000 for the Costs Associated With The Planning, Design, Obtaining Cost Estimates and Construction for the Renovation and Expansion of the Roger Sherman Elementary School and Authorizing the Issuance Of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation.”

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

Mr. Morabito presented information on the project including Ed spec, timeline revisions, FEMA challenges, cost projections and phasing of the work. Dr. Jones addressed capacity issues.

Public comment – Eileen Roxbee, Sherman School Principal, thanked the Board. She noted that she gave First Selectman Tetreau a tour of the school and offered Selectmen Tymniak and Kiley tours as well.

Jill Vergara, RTM District 7, asked the Board to support this project. She said they are the highest enrolled elementary school and the only elementary school south of the Post Road and needs investment. She listed the challenges of being close to the sound.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to put Items 7, 8 and 9 before them. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion. The Board took the items out of order.

9) PUBLIC EXECUTIVE BUDGET SESSION (**no public comment**)

To consider and act upon proposed revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$305,305,568 for the General Fund for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as recommended by the First Selectman

Ms. Gardiner presented proposed revenue and expenditure adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2019 General Fund budget. Mr. Mayer noted that the mill rate would be 26.46% which is a 2.48% increase.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to amend the item to accept the General Fund adjustments as recommended by the budget director (attached), increasing the General Fund budget by \$19,056 to \$305,324,624. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment. The amendment carried unanimously.

The Selectmen thanked those involved in the budget process.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously, 3-0.

8) **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE BUDGET SESSION (no public comment)**

To consider and act upon proposed revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$137,217 for the Fairfield Regional Fire Training School for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as recommended by the First Selectman

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

7) **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE BUDGET SESSION (no public comment)**

To consider and act upon proposed revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,616,816 for the Water Pollution Control Authority for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as recommended by the First Selectman

Selectman Tymniak motioned to amend the item to accept the WPCA adjustments as recommended by the budget director (attached), increasing the WPCA budget by \$9,399 to \$5,626,215. Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment. The amendment carried unanimously, 3-0.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously, 3-0.

10) **TAX COLLECTOR** To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$173,705.33

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

The Board recessed at 4:26 p.m. and reconvened at 4:32 p.m. FairTV concluded their recording at this time.

11) **TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Two Items**

Selectman Tymniak motioned to move into Private Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. The Board reconvened at 5:58 p.m.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to accept the recommendation of the Town Attorney for the first pending litigation item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to accept the recommendation of the Town Attorney for the second pending litigation item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

12) **ADJOURN** Selectman Kiley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary