

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 3, 2018
MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 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: Michael Allen, Mark Barnhart, Marlene Batista, Tom Cullen, Phil Dwyer, Stanton Lessor, Attorney Lotti, Sal Morabito, Ross Murray, John Wynn, Genny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Kiley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) RESIGNATIONS (**for information only**)
 - a. Economic Development Commission
Maureen M. Abrahamson (D), 278 Wood House Road, term 11/13 – 11/18
(Resignation Date: February 1, 2018)
 - b. Flood and Erosion Control Board
Mary Susan Hunt (D), 24 Fairfield Beach Road, term 11/16 – 11/21
(Resignation Date: May 1, 2018)
 - c. Parks and Recreation Commission
Bryan H. Thompson (R), 137 Elm Street, term 11/16 – 11/21
(Resignation Date: April 25, 2018)
- 4) APPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:
 - a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Michael M. Allen (R), 29 Northfield Road, term 11/17 – 11/21
(To fill a vacancy for Donald Hyman whose term expired)
Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve the item. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion.
Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
- 5) ASSESSOR To hear an update from the Assessor on Senior and Disabled Tax Relief

Ross Murry gave an update. Two tax relief programs are offered; one by the State and the other by the Town. The Town's program has three options. Anyone who is interested and eligible must submit the application by May 15th. Reminders have been sent out and distributed at the Senior Center. The State no longer funds the Statue but kept the requirement in place therefore the Town pays the additional portion. There are no changes this year but possibly next year if the RTM makes modifications after their review of the program.
- 6) STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE To hear an update from the Strategic Plan Committee

John Wynn gave an overview of the updated executive summary of recent activities and next steps. Marlene Batista, Secretary SPC, updated them on the workshop and details on work completed during Q1 2018. Eight RFPs have been received. The entire plan should take approximately 12 months. The Board of Selectmen congratulated them on their community engagement and dedication.

- 7) **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** To hear a presentation on the Town's business recruitment strategy and marketing campaign.

Mark Barnhart gave highlights of a presentation dated January 3, 2018. They are looking at ways to further grow the Town's grand list. The focus will continue on business retention, working on small business creation and entrepreneurs. The new website will be used as a marketing tool and they will continue to leverage the two University's talent.

- 8) **ROGER SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARGE**
To consider and approve a charge for the Roger Sherman Elementary School Building Committee.

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

First Selectman Tetreau motioned to amend Paragraph 4 and add a last sentence to read "The Board of Selectman request the Building Committee come back to the Board for a review and approval prior to any final reimbursement decision being made." Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried unanimously, 3-0.

First Selectman Tetreau motioned to amend Paragraph 2 and add a last sentence to read "The Board of Selectman directs the Building Committee not to exceed the Ed Spec in any area without prior approval from the Board of Selectman." Selectman Tymniak seconded the amendment which carried unanimously, 3-0.

First Selectman Tetreau motioned to amend Paragraph 6 and add a last sentence to read "These updates should come prior to key milestone decisions and as requested." Selectman Kiley seconded the amendment which carried unanimously, 3-0.

There was no public comment. The Item, as amended, carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 9) **TAX COLLECTOR** To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$121,286.38.

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

- 10) **TOWN ATTORNEY** Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation
The Board of Selectmen moved into Private Executive Session at 4:01 p.m.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 4:10 p.m. Selectman Kiley seconded the motioned which carried unanimously, 3-0. No votes were taken or motions made.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to accept the recommendation of Attorney Lotti. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

11) TOUR OF MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 635 Mill Hill Terrace

The Board of Selectman discussed the responses to questions procedure. The item will be on May 15th Board of Finance Agenda. The Board of Selectmen has thoroughly reviewed the information but there are several versions which made it confusing. The Board of Finance also has some concerns. It is the Board of Selectmen's role as the town's executive board to bring both the Board of Finance and the Board of Education together to move forward.

First Selectman Tetreau and Selectman Kiley departed at 4:15 p.m. to tour Mill Hill Elementary School and continue their meeting. Selectman Tymniak will tour the school at a later date. FairTV concluded their recording at this time.

12) ADJOURN The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary