

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2018
MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2018 in the First Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall. The meeting was recorded in its entirety 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: Sands Cleary, Tom Cullen, Phil Dwyer, Keith Gallinelli, Terry Giegengack, William Hurley, Dr. Toni Jones, Ann Katis, Patrice Klein, Meredith McCormack, Joseph Michelangelo, Laura OBrien, Brian Papini, William Pollack, Richard Speciale, Jenna Trotzer, Genny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) RECOGNITION Recognition of Kids Leading Communities

Katie spoke of the various organizations they support. The Board of Selectmen thanked the children for their dedication to helping others and for giving back to the community and presented them with certificates.

- 4) APPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:
Human Services Commission
Nhi U. Tran (D), 248 Alma Drive, term 11/17 – 11/21
(To fill a vacancy for Alida Ward whose term expired)

Selectman Kiley motioned to approve the item. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 5) ROGER SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS (requires RTM approval)

To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments to the Roger Sherman Elementary School Building Committee:

- i. Patrice A. Klein (D), 73 Alden Street
- ii. Erik P. Lang (D), 365 South Benson Road
- iii. Meredith McCormack (U), 184 Spring House Road
- iv. Brian R. Papini (D), 941 Reef Road
- v. Alex J. Plitsas (R), 78 Cambridge Street
- vi. Richard Speciale (R), 112 Homestead Lane
- vii. Jenna M. Trotzer (D), 344 Penfield Road

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Items 3) i-vii. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

6) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To hear a report on the “Fill a Public Works Truck” Event

Public Works Director Joseph Michelangelo reported on the National Public Works Week May 20-26, 2018. The Board thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts in a much needed time to replenish the food supply and thanked their team for getting us through a tough winter.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to take Item 10 out of sequence. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

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

To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution entitled “A Resolution Appropriating \$1,500,000 for the Costs Associated with the Planning, Design and Obtaining Cost Estimates for the Renovation and Expansion of Mill Hill Elementary School and the Cost of Relocation of Temporary Classrooms Installed at Mill Hill Elementary School and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance such Appropriation.”
(as modified and approved by the Board of Finance on April 3, 2018)

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

The Board of Selectmen agreed the school needs renovation. Dr. Toni Jones thanked the Board for moving this forward.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

7) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

To hear and consider a Complete Streets Policy

Ann Katis, Laura OBrien and William Pollack presented the item. Ms. Katis gave the policy background and Mr. Pollack gave the presentation. Ms. OBrien said it make the streets safer. Committee Chair Keith Gallinelli thanked his team who have put a tremendous amount of hours in and met with many town departments.

Bill Hurley said the policy is a working document. Mr. Tetreau would like the department decision making, design document process and approval process clarified. Creating zones was discussed.

Public comment –

Lisa Neft, American Heart Association, is in full support.

Sands Cleary, Health Director, said they have been working for several years to bring awareness and grants have furthered the pedestrian plan.

Alyssa Israel, 675 Rowland Road, encouraged the board to keep the program town wide.

State Representative Cristin McCarthy Vahey, 1625 Melville Avenue, said safer streets mean stronger economies and hopes they can get to a place to make that happen.
RTM Member Heather Dean, 919 Stillson Road, is very excited about the project and hopes to see it happen.

The Selectmen thanked the committee members for their hard work on a comprehensive report and said they support the committee's efforts. The Board would like follow up on the grants, state policy and economic development survey. The committee members will report back on their progress.

8) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Public Works:

RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to receive and expend up to \$42,000 to fund the restoration of the Ye Old Yacht Yard Shop Building (the Burr Shed), one hundred percent of said project cost to be funded by two donations from the Southport Conservancy, the first covering \$37,872 of known project costs and the second reimbursing any expenditure beyond known project costs, up to \$4,128.

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

Bill Hurley provided background on the repairs, noting the repairs are 100% funded by two donations. Once approved, work will commence mid-summer and be complete early fall.

Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

9) MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARGE
To hear and consider a charge for the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee.

The Selectmen supported including a traffic study and three bids in the charge. They will review it and come back to vote after consideration.

11) TAX COLLECTOR
To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$405,619.59.

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

12) ADJOURN Selectmen Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Selectman Kiley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary