

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 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 Edward J. Bateson

Others Present: Linda Gardiner, Andrew Kosh, Chris Lyddy, Gary MacNamara, Robert Mayer, Genny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) MINUTES To consider and act upon the Regular meeting minutes of July 11, 2018:

Selectman Tymniak motioned to postpone the item to a date certain of the next regular Board meeting of September 5, 2018. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion. Public comment – none. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 4) RECOGNITION of Gustave Whitehead's 117th "First in Flight" Anniversary

Andrew Kosh gave a detailed background and history of the anniversary. He believes Mr. Whitehead flew 117 years ago on August 14th, two years before the Wright Brothers. Mr. Kosh said the flight took off from Turney Road to Jennings Beach Skate Park. He has had the support of Kay Williams and many others. He built his own replica and flew it at Bridgeport Sikorsky Airport. He will continue his research with his son and grandson's help. He mentioned several books and newspaper articles detailing Mr. Whitehead's flight.

The Board presented Mr. Kosh with a proclamation, declaring August 14th, as Gustave Whitehead Day.

- 5) RESIGNATIONS (for information only)
 - i. Parking Authority
Henry J. Achiron (D), 98 Hunter Road, term 11/16 – 11/21
(Resignation Date: July 27, 2018)
 - ii. Water Pollution Control Authority
Christopher W. Tymniak (R), 543 Old Mill Road, term 11/15 – 11/19 (Selectman seat)
(Resignation Date: August 15, 2018)

- 6) **FIRST SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS (for information only)**
- i. Economic Development Commission
Rishi Narang (R), 50 Stone Ridge Way, term 11/13 – 11/18
(to fill a vacancy created by Maureen Abrahamson’s resignation)
(Appointment Date: July 10, 2018)
 - ii. Parking Authority
Robert T. Gorman (D), 225 Sturges Road, term 11/16 - 11/21
(to fill a vacancy created by Henry Achiron’s resignation)
(Appointment Date: August 6, 2018)
 - iii. Water Pollution Control Authority
Edward J. Bateson (R), 2195 North Street, term 11/15 – 11/19 (Selectman seat)
(to fill a vacancy created by Christopher Tymniak’s resignation)
(Appointment Date: August 15, 2018)
- 7) **CHIEF OF POLICE (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)**
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Chief of Police:

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Police Department has completed a two year trial deployment of twelve Body-Worn Cameras and their use and functionality has been well received by the officers who participated in the test program; and

WHEREAS, Public Acts 15-4 and 17-225 has authorized the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to reimburse municipalities for one hundred percent of the costs associated with the purchase of Body-Worn Cameras, In-Car Video, and related equipment and storage; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Fairfield to expend \$749,724 to purchase Body-Worn cameras, In-Car Video, and related equipment and storage for the Fairfield Police Department, \$742,224 of said purchase costs to be funded by a Body-Worn Recording Equipment (BWRE) Reimbursement Grant as administered by OPM and \$7500 to be funded by a rebate from the vendor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael C. Tetreau, First Selectman, be and hereby is authorized to accept in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield a \$742,224 Body-Worn Recording Equipment (BWRE) Reimbursement Grant from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, to sign and execute any and all necessary documents to secure said grant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$749,724 is hereby appropriated to fund said purchases.

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

Chief MacNamara gave an overall view of public safety and law enforcement trends. He said the previous body camera test studies were well received and summarized the 100% reimbursed state funding opportunity that includes both body and car cameras. He and Deputy Chief Lyddy have met with contracted state police vendor. Deputy Chief Lyddy summarized the training and cloud based storage requirements. Chief MacNamara explained the equipment's life spans and replacement rates. The Police Commission and the Police Union have endorsed this.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

8) CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER To hear a report on the budget process.

CFO Robert Mayer explained the budget process as currently outlined in the Town Charter. He said there is a clause in the charter that says the process can be waived upon recommendation by the Board of Selectmen and approval by the Board of Finance. He said the current process of holding joint budget hearings has not been in accordance with the Charter's timeline which calls for separate hearings for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. He said the process as outlined in the charter does not give the Board of Finance time to make adjustments. He said the Finance Department has developed a schedule with the Board of Finance's Budget Chair's support. The Board of Selectmen agreed to review the recommended and alternative schedule.

9) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$14,504.47.

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

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

Selectman Tymniak thanked Fairfield Little League and the Softball for representing Fairfield. u

11) ADJOURN Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary