

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 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: Sands Cleary-Health Director, Keith Gallinelli-Complete Streets Chair, Jay Gross-Strategic Plan Committee Vice Chair, Mary Hogue-Forestry Chair, William Hurley-Engineering Manager, Dr. Toni Jones-Superintendent of Schools, Ann Katis-Complete Streets, Joseph Michelangelo-Public Works Director, Sal Morabito-Construction, Security and Safety Manager BOE, Laura O'Brien-Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Vice Chair, Bill Pollack-Complete Street, Amy Lehaney-Health Sanitarian, Scott Thompson-Chair Sustainable Task Force, Tom Quinn-Mill Hill Building Committee Chair, John Wynn-Strategic Plan Committee Chair, Genny Reilly, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Tetreau summarized the damage of the September 25th rain storm and reminded the public to not drive through standing water. He thanked the ECC 911 Call Center, Police, Fire and DPW departments. He said there were 1,000 residents without power last night but all have been fully restored this morning and all roads have been cleared. He said Police and Fire Department personnel are assessing neighborhoods and speaking with residents about damage.

- 3) MINUTES To consider and act upon the minutes of:
 - i. Regular Meeting of July 11, 2018 (**postponed from September 5, 2018**)

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- ii. Regular Meeting of September 5, 2018

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 4) **RESIGNATIONS (for information only)**
 - a. FairTV Commission
Todd J. Chandler (R), 65 Hilltop Drive, 07/17 – 07/20
(Resignation Date: September 17, 2018)
 - b. Shellfish Commission
Richard E. Ferrari (D), 153 Figlar Avenue, 11/14 – 11/19
(Resignation Date: August 30, 2018)

- 5) **APPOINTMENTS** To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:
 - a. Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
Kiersten J. Chou (D), 184 Figlar Avenue
(to fill a new seat that was added when charge was revised)
 - b. Sustainable Fairfield Task Force
Shawn Anne O’Sullivan (D), 1161 Melville Avenue
(to fill a new seat that was added when charge was revised)

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Items 5 a. and b. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 6) **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (requires Board of Finance and RTM approval)**
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Director of Health:

WHEREAS, per C.G.S. Sec. 19a-202, full time health departments are to receive \$1.18 per capita annually from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH) to fund overall public health programs required of each local health department as defined in C.G.S. Section 19a-207a;

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 Per Capita Funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health in the amount of \$64,338.51 for fiscal year 2019 to fund public health programs as defined in C.G.S. Section 19a-207a; 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 funding; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$64,338.51 is hereby appropriated to fund said programs.

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

Sands Cleary explained the grant.

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 7) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS To hear a status update on the Public Works Reclamation Yard

Selectman Tymniak motioned to postpone the item to a date certain of the next Board of Selectmen meeting of October 3, 2018. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 8) MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
To hear an update from the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee

Tom Quinn explained the building committee's charge and current status of the project. The three options; 378, 441 and 504 and the committee's concerns were discussed.

- 9) STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE To hear an update from the Strategic Plan Committee

John Wynn presented the executive summary quarterly update that included objectives, status, accomplishments and next steps. Mr. Wynn described ways for the community to provide comments and ideas. He referred to a pie chart that broke down the interview process. He displayed the Strategic Plan's branding logo "Fairfield's Future, One Town, One Vision" which included a lighthouse drawing.

Jay Gross explained student workshops that include K-12 and universities. Mr. Gross walked the Board through the presentation they will use to present to the community.

Selectman Tymniak said he met with the consultants and feels they are doing an extremely thorough job. Selectman Bateson agreed and was very impressed with their knowledge. First Selectman concurred and thanked the Committee for engaging the community.

- 10) BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
To hear, consider and endorse a Complete Streets Policy for the Town of Fairfield

Keith Gallinelli read the committee's vision. He presented the executive summary and the final policy.

Ann Katis gave background information and noted the many benefits of Complete Streets.

Bill Pollack gave the Board a refresher on the committee's history. He said he met with the town attorney who supports the policy.

Laura O'Brien said the Complete Streets' objective is to make roads safer for all users.

Bill Hurley said Engineering and DPW support the policy. He said Engineering, DPW and Zoning have already incorporated some of the policies and have received funding to do so. The Policy Scope on page 6 was discussed and Mr. Hurley explained how they work with the state regarding roads.

Mary Hogue said the policy includes planting trees along roadsides. She said this positively affects resident's health, safety and property values.

Amy Lehaney said the Health Department endorses this policy which includes ways to stay healthy.

Selectman Tymniak asked that the Checklist on page 13, Appendix B, be brought back to the Board of Selectmen periodically to update (as referred to in Step 1 – Prepare for Implementation 3) on page 9). He would like an email sent to the Board to notify them of any changes and that the Board may request a formal presentation on the revision.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to endorse the plan. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

11) FIRST SELECTMAN Department Head salary and benefit review

Selectman Bateson said he would like the Department Head Compensation to be kept its current level. The Board agreed to review salary and health compensation in February since it is part of the budget. The Board agreed to set up a task force to have ready for February.

12) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$9057.65.

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

13) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting – none.

14) ADJOURN Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary