

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2018

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 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: Stephanie Coakley-Executive Director Pequot Library, Joseph D'Avanzo-WPCA Commissioner, Mark Elletson-WPCA Chair, Attorney Lotty, Robert Mayer-CFO, Joseph Michelangelo-Public Works Director, 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 Bateson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) MINUTES To consider and act upon the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2018

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 4) RECOGNITION
Recognition of Pequot Library Winning the 2018 Connecticut Treasures Award

Ms. Coakley thanked the Board of Selectman for their support and invited everyone on Tuesday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m. to honor the library on receiving this state-wide recognition. Connecticut residents selected the Pequot Library as the most popular and beloved library in the state. Over seven libraries in seven counties competed for the award which is sponsored by the American Institute of Architects (AI). They received 1,500 votes, over 50% of the votes. The Board congratulated her and thanked her for all the hard work.

- 5) APPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment:
Shellfish Commission
Lisette B. Enhoffer (R), 164 Church Hill Road, term 11/14 – 11/19
(To fill a vacancy created by Richard Ferrari's resignation)

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

The Board thanked Ms. Enhoffer, who was unable to attend, for willingness to serve.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to take Item 7) WPCA out of order. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

7) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY To hear an update from the Water Pollution Control Authority on the water treatment plant upgrade

Joseph Michelangelo, Mark Elletson and Joseph D'Avanzo presented the item. They gave background and explained how to best accomplish and fund the needed upgrades. They deferred to Board on how to proceed.

Mr. Elletson said they are not increasing the system's capacity and will continue to be fiscally conservative. He explained the INI. The Sacred Heart University/GE campus site was discussed. He believes the age of the equipment is the issue and this upgrade is bringing old equipment up-to-date. Consumption, energy-efficient toilets and sinks, collection/distribution systems were all discussed. Different approaches were examined to fund the upgrade whether with increased taxes or increased user fees. It was noted that some top users are not taxable. Mr. Elletson said they've engaged third party consultants to look at other towns and models. Mr. Michelangelo addressed the train trunk line which was discussed at length.

The Board will look at timing when to bring back the item on their agenda.
The Board would like a walk-through of the plant.

6) PUBLIC WORKS RECLAMATION YARD (**postponed from September 26, 2018**)
a. To hear a status update from the Director of Public Works

Mr. Michelangelo gave a status update. He said they met with the neighbors and developed a landscape berm. The project began April 1st and was completed June 30th. Drone photos of the site were viewed. The berm has accomplished the objective to block the pile from Fairfield Beach Road resident's point of view and away from Pine Creek area residents. There is 60,000 cubic yards of material remaining behind the berm. He said they have found some beneficial uses for the material. They now segregate and screen materials that come in and pay to dispose of some material. No material goes into the closed down site.

Mr. Michelangelo said their five-year plan has many components. They discussed various means to dispose of the material and the costs involved. First Selectman Tetreau said they will continue to look at uses for materials and will continue to work the pile down. He said the before and after pictures look remarkably better in such a short period of time. Mr. Michelangelo said the men found the work involved building the berm rewarding.

b. Town Attorney - Private Executive Session - Pending Litigation

Selectman Tymniak motioned to move into Private Executive Session at 5:49 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

7) TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation

Selectman Tymniak motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 6:23 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. No votes were taken or motions made.

Selectman Bateson motioned to accept the recommendation of Attorney Lotty in the case of Trupp vs. Town of Fairfield. Selectman Tymniak seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

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

10) ADJOURN Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary