

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2018

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Penfield Pavilion, 323 Fairfield Beach Road. 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: Scott Bartlett-Public Works Superintendent, Emmet Hibson-Risk Manager, Mary Hogue, Mark Klinko-DPW, Attorney Lotty, Earl Marshall-DPW, Robert Mayer-CFO, Joseph Michelangelo-Public Works Director, Jill Vegara-RTM District 7/Senior Tax Relief Chair, James Ryan-Public Works Building Maintenance Manager, Humberto Juarez-Fairfield Citizen, FairTV

- 1) CALL TO ORDER - First Selectman Tetreau called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Selectman Tymniak led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) 2018 EMPLOYEE AND FAIRFIELDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

First Selectman Tetreau read the awards' criteria and announced Earl Marshall of the Public Works Department as the 2018 Employee of the Year. He said Mr. Marshall is retiring in January after 31 years of service to the town. First Selectman Tetreau thanked Mr. Marshall's nominators; his daughter Brittany Marshall, John and Cindy Cody, and Sharon Paul.

First Selectman Tetreau recognized Mark Klinko also of the Publics Works Department for his 45 years of outstanding service.

First Selectman Tetreau announced Mary Hogue as the 2018 Fairfielder of the Year. He recognized all the nominators of Ms. Hogue, who has served on countless town committees.

The Board congratulated and thanked the recipients for their dedication.

- 4) SUSTAINABLE FAIRFIELD TASK FORCE To hear a report on the Buy Local/Eat Local Initiative

The First Selectman noted that this item was added to the agenda to ensure Mary Hogue's attendance and was not an actual action item

- 5) SENIOR AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE To hear a report on proposed revisions to the "Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners" ordinance

Jill Vegara reported the ordinances deficiencies and three proposed changes. She noted they are projected numbers not actuals. First Selectman Tetreau mentioned the impact of state budget cuts which required the town to cover unfunded senior services. The Board thanked her committee for their extensive work.

6) TOWN LIBRARIAN AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

To hear a report on the damage and repairs at the Main Library

Emmet Hibson recapped the flood damage caused by the back flow preventer fail. He said that he and town officials met with the restoration company and insurance adjustors and expect the work complete by January 31, 2019. James Ryan said preventive measures were put in place to avoid a similar incident. Mr. Hibson and Mr. Ryan said they went beyond the repair requirements to ensure employee and public health and safety. Mr. Hibson said the full-time staff has been relocated during the remediation and the part-time staff has been furloughed.

7) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS To hear a report on the Town's response to the September 25 2018 Rooster River Watershed flooding

Joseph Michelangelo said damage was assessed and the town entered into an MOU with Trumbull and Bridgeport. He said the three towns enlisted an engineering firm to explore potential retention facility locations and are working with neighboring towns to apply for grants.

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:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Fairfield Water Pollution Control Authority ("WPCA") to upgrade the Easton Turnpike Pump Station and Force Main in the Town of Fairfield; and

WHEREAS, the cost to design said upgrade is \$199,730; and

WHEREAS, the WPCA appropriated and agreed to spend its own funds in the amount of \$199,730 to pay said design costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield is hereby authorized to expend in the name of and on behalf of the WPCA up to \$199,730 to fund said design costs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield is authorized to enter into and sign contracts on behalf of the WPCA for purposes of completing the design work.

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

Joseph Michelangelo presented the item. The Board thanked the Sacred Heart University administration for their commitment to the Town of Fairfield.

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 9) FIRST SELECTMAN To approve Budget meeting dates for Calendar Year 2019:
- a) Board of Selectmen Public Budget Hearing Dates:
 - March 04 Monday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm*
 - 05 Tuesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm*
 - 06 Wednesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm*
 - 07 Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm* (snow day/if needed)

**Includes a midday break*
 - b) Board of Selectmen Public Executive Sessions:
 - March 11 Monday 9:00 am – Final Deliberations*
 - 13 Wednesday 4:00 pm – Vote*

**No public comment*

Selectman Tymniak motioned to waive the reading of Items 9 a) and b). Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to approve Items 9 a) and b). Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 10) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$13,864.37.

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- 11) TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session-Pending Litigation-Schichter v Town of Fairfield

Selectman Tymniak motioned to move into Private Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 7:14 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. No votes were taken or motions made.

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

The Board wished everyone a happy holiday.

- 12) ADJOURN Selectman Tymniak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tesei, Recording Secretary