

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2019

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 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: Peter Ambrose, Erik Lang-Roger Sherman Building Committee Chair, Stanton Lesser-Town Attorney, Christopher Lyddy-Police Chief, Sal Morabito-Manager Construction, Security & Safety BOE, Leaders and Members of Cadette Troop 30151, Fair TV

- 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 minutes of: Regular Meeting of February 6, 2019

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

4) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Eight Cadette Troop 30151 Members for Earning the Girl Scout Silver Award

Cadette Troop 30151 Co-Leaders Cicely Poggi-Gedacht and Wendy Carroll said the troop comprised of girls from Fairfield Middle and High Schools. Cicely said their focus was to identify a community issue, create a plan of action and make sure it's met. Ms. Carroll said they chose an anti-bullying theme and made posters for the schools, sponsored community events and held cookie booths to create awareness. Ms. Carroll said a cadet must earn 50 service hours to achieve the Silver Award. Cicely said the troop held a "Kind Campaign" at RLMS and invited community. The Board thanked the troop and leader for their efforts and presented them with certificates.

- 5) APPOINTMENTS To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments:
  - a. Land Acquisition Commission  
Jill W. Brown (D), 1112 Holland Hill Road, term 11/18 – 11/22 (alternate)  
(to fill a vacancy for Tara Hawley who moved to full member in the previous term)

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

Public comment – none.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

b. Police Commission

Peter Ambrose (R), 830 Burr Street, term 11/17 – 11/22  
(to fill a vacancy created by the passing of Walter Flynn)

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

Public comment – Peter Ambrose said he is honored to work with the commission and Chief Lyddy.

The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

6) SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To hear an update from the Sherman Elementary School Building Committee

Committee chair Erik Lang said the committee received the first cost estimate last month. He said the estimate came in at \$4.2m, \$1m over the \$3.2 original budget and that the members have been working out the details with Colliers to come within the FEMA budget. Mr. Lang said they will have to reduce the BOE ed spec in order to meet the FEMA budget. He said the committee proposed a \$1m reduction to remove the gymnasium stage addition and remove the building management system upgrade. He said the latter can be budgeted in 2023. He said the BOE representatives have attended their meetings and are aware of the proposed reductions.

Mr. Lang said they are continuing to vet the stop/drop/go option in the back of the property after considering parent feedback and the superintendent's concerns. He said it was too expensive to keep the drop-off in the front. He went through each line item and explained which items fell under the FEMA cap and the items that were in the allocated budget.

First Selectman Tetreau said he is concerned that the architect is exceeding the original scope. Mr. Lang said the ed specs weren't specific and the architect took liberties. First Selectman Tetreau asked Mr. Lang to go back and find out what is in the \$27,000 line.

He discussed which items were eligible for FEMA reimbursement and which were not eligible. He said the parking lot upgrades are eligible. First Selectman Tetreau said he is concerned, at this late stage, that the reimbursement may now be 8-10% when it was previously 25%.

Sal Morabito said the State is changing its policy and it wants to be involved in conceptual scheme. Mr. Morabito said that the HVAC not being eligible was a surprise and that the State is getting stricter with its interpretations. He said the lockers were excluded because they are considered replacement and the Town is expected to repair and maintain them. First Selectman Tetreau asked the building committee to prioritize and be conscious of the items that can be reimbursed. The First Selectman said the State's policy will impact the Mill Hill project and that Mr. Morabito should share this information with the Mill Hill Building Committee. Mr.

Morabito said the Town was reimbursed for HVAC on the Riverfield project. First Selectman Tetreau suggested Mr. Lang return to clarify some of today's questions after his presentation to the BOE. Selectman Bateson agreed with First Selectman Tetreau that the priority is the air and bathrooms that directly impact the direct health and welfare of the students and staff, not the lockers.

- 7) TAX COLLECTOR To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$21,675.74.

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

- 8) TOWN ATTORNEY Private Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Town of Fairfield vs. Julian Development LLC

Selectman Tymniak motioned to enter into Private Executive Session at 5:53 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Selectman Tymniak motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 6:26 p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0. No votes were taken or motions made.

- 9) 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 6:27p.m. Selectman Bateson seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Tesei  
Recording Secretary