

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that in accordance with a recommendation from the Police Chief and the Fire Chief, pursuant to §7-339c of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Interlocal Agreement by and between the Town of Fairfield and the Town of Westport creating a regional public safety answering point and emergency communications center, known as ‘Fairfield County Dispatch,’ for the purpose of providing dispatch services within Fairfield, Westport and such other municipalities as may be allowed to join this Agreement, is hereby approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick be, and hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Town of Fairfield to execute this Agreement.”

Deputy Police Chief Don Smith explained much hard work and collaboration went into this agreement with Westport outlining their respective commitments and responsibilities. The Westport RTM has approved the agreement.

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“WHEREAS, as part of the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities’ Five-Year Bus Replacement Plan, it is in the best interest of the Town of Fairfield to expend up to \$67,696 to purchase a wheelchair-accessible motor vehicle to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, \$53,600 of said purchase to be funded by a Traditional 5310 Capital Senior Bus Grant under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act’s Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program as administered by the State of Connecticut;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield a Traditional 5310 Capital Senior Bus Grant in the amount of \$53,600; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriation of up to \$67,696 be, and hereby is approved; and

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

Julie DeMarco explained there is no cost to the Town as the monies come from donations to the Bigelow Center. This will replace a 2007 bus with 67,000 miles that is past its useful life. In response to Mr. McDermott, she said she was not sure what happens with the bus although it may be sold for parts.

8. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration, Section 5310 Program, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, offers grants through the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfield is applying for approximately \$27,552 and the funding shall be used for salary, maintenance and fuel; and

WHEREAS, grants are to be used for capital and operating expenses for public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), designed to assist seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfield will submit an application for funding to enhance Bigelow Center for Senior Activities’ transportation services by filling in the gaps in public transportation in the Town of Fairfield by going beyond services required by the ADA, servicing eligible riders not within a three-quarter mile of a bus stop and expanding operating hours to enable additional services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield a matching Federal Transit Administration grant in the amount of \$27,552; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$27,552 be, and hereby is approved; and

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

Julie DeMarco explained this is \$27,552 over a 2-year period to extend service hours in the afternoon to perhaps 4 or 5 PM so they can offer more options to riders for later afternoon appointments. It is a reimbursement program through the State so if it is not successful then the funds will remain with the State. Ridership is from people who do not drive or are less independent.

There has been an increase in ridership to medical appointments, but only one person may ride at a time due to Covid-19. They are following CDC guidelines so 4 people may be on the bus spaced accordingly for grocery shopping, etc.; there are no partitions and there is a sneeze guard behind the driver. Buses are thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day and are prepped for the next day.

9. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Town Plan and Zoning Commission:

“RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield abandon the remaining portion of the Town-owned paper street known as Cherry Street which intersects with Kings Highway, as shown on the attached map, reserving, however, an easement for a

sewer, the location and dimensions of which shall be as determined by the Town Engineer, which easement shall be recorded on land records of the Town of Fairfield.”

Moderator Wackerman noted that this Item has been withdrawn by Attorney Ambrose and will return for consideration at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MCTC, MMC
Town Clerk