

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
November 27, 2023**

The annual organizational meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:15 PM at Fairfield Warde High School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by First Selectman Bill Gerber.

PRESENT: 37 ABSENT: 3 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Astarita, Britton, Longo, Sparacino, Cook-Littman, O'Shea, Rock, Shea, Hartigan Steele, Waldron, Karson, McCabe, Spolyar, Zezima, Garskof, O'Neill, Pistilli, Wolk, Barahona, Blanchard, Graceffa, Berecz, Delgado, Kuhn, Nickel, Berchem, Carroll, Ludwiczak Colburn, Brown, Georgiadis, Wackerman, Ambrose, Contratto, Horton, Ratzki

ABSENT: Straus, Donne, Havey

ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

First Selectman Gerber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2023

VOTE: Upon motion made and duly seconded the October 23, 2023 minutes were approved with 20 in favor and 17 abstentions (Cook-Littman, O'Shea, Rock, Shea, Hartigan, Waldron, O'Neill, Blanchard, Delgado, Nickel, Berchem, Carroll, Ludwiczak, Colburn, Ambrose, Contratto, Ratzki).

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: TO ELECT A MODERATOR AND A DEPUTY MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Mr. Gerber asked for nominations from the floor for a Moderator.

Michelle McCabe, District 4, nominated Marcy Spolyar, duly seconded by Laura Karson.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, nominations for Moderator were closed.

VOTE: Ms. Spolyar was elected Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Spolyar briefed the Body in matters pertaining to FOIA, ethics and conflicts of interest.

Ms. Spolyar asked for nominations from the floor for Deputy Moderator.

Christine Brown District 9 nominated Margaret Horton, duly seconded by Jennifer Barahona.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, nominations for Deputy Moderator were closed.

VOTE: Ms. Horton was elected Deputy Moderator by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: TO NOMINATE AND ELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 27, 2023

Liz Zezima and Jeff Steele nominated Liz Zezima, Sharon Pistilli, Michelle McCabe, Jeff Steele and Ken Astarita to the Special Legislative Management Committee.

VOTE: The nominated members of the SLMC were approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting recessed so that the SLMC members could meet and elect leadership & Committee assignments. Michelle McCabe reported that SLMC elected the following leadership: Liz Zezima, Chair, Sharon Pistilli, Vice Chair and Michelle McCabe, Secretary and announced the Committee assignments. (See attached). The Moderator then asked the various committees to convene to elect the leadership for each committee.

Education & Recreation: Margaret Horton, Chair; Lisa Havey, VC; Kristin O’Neill, Secretary
Finance: Sharon Pistilli, Chair, John Kuhn, VC; Rob Blanchard, Secretary
Legislation & Administration: Josh Garskof, Chair; Michelle McCabe, VC, Pierre Ratzki, Secretary
Public Health & Safety: Laura Karson, Chair; Jennifer Barahona, VC, Tara Cook-Littman, Secretary
Public Works & Planning: Dru Georgiadis, Chair, Peter Britton, VC, Chris Carroll, Secretary

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF THE 2024 MEETING CALENDAR

Karen Wackerman, District 9, moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Amendment: Sharon Pistilli moved to correct the date of the June Committee meeting to June 17, duly seconded.

VOTE: The motion to amend the calendar was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VOTE: The 2024 RTM Meeting Calendar was approved unanimously as follows:

January 29	April 8, 9, 24, 29	July 22	October 28
February 26	May 6 & 28	August 26	November 25
March 25	June 24	September 23	December 16

and Standing Committee meetings be held the following dates:

January 22	April 23	July 15	October 21
February 20	May 20	August 19	November 18
March 18	June 17	September 16	December 9.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk

<u>LEGISLATION & ADMINISTRATION</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>
Michelle McCabe	D	VC
Josh Garskoff	D	CHAIR
Karen Wackerman	D	
Pierre Ratzki	D	SECRETARY
Justin Contratto	D	
Kerry Berchem	D	
Jeff Steele	R	
Ken Astarita	R	
<u>EDUCATION & RECREATION</u>		
Kristin O'Neill	D	SECRETARY
Steve Berecz	D	
Margaret Horton	D	CHAIR
Lisa Havey	D	VC
Cindy Waldron	D	
Myke Hartigan	D	
Brooke Sparachino	R	
Chris Shea	R	
<u>PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY</u>		
Laura Karson	D	CHAIR
Jennifer Barahona	D	VC
Scott Nickel	D	
Tara Cook-Littman	D	SECRETARY
Marcy Spolyar	D	
Melissa Straus	D	
Christine Brown replacement TBN	D	
Christine Ludwickzak	R	
<u>PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING</u>		
Jay Wolk	D	
Andy Graceffa	D	
Dru Georgiadis	D	CHAIR
Johnathan Delgado	D	
Nancy Donne	D	
Chris Carroll	D	SECRETARY
Peter Britton	R	VC
Colin Colburn	R	
<u>FINANCE</u>		
Liz Zezima	D	
Sharon Pistilli	D	CHAIR

John Kuhn	D	VC
Rob Blanchard	D	SECRETARY
Matt Ambrose	D	
Dave Rock	D	
Amy O'Shea	R	
Melissa Longo	R	
<u>SLMC</u>		
Liz Zezima	D	CHAIR
Sharon Pistilli	D	VC
Michelle McCabe	D	SECRETARY
Jeff Steele	R	
Ken Astarita	R	