

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2022**  
**4:00 pm - Via Webex and In-Person**  
**First Floor Conference Room Independence Hall**  
**725 Old Post Road Fairfield, CT 06824**

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYyjHfHFEZA>.

**Final Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick, Selectman Thomas M. Flynn, Selectwoman Nancy E. Lefkowitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Tomey-Streeto, Jose Oromi, Pierre Ratzki, Rosina Negron, Peter Ambrose, Charlene Lebo, Thomas Collimore Jr, Cynthia Wakeman, Mary Beyer, Timothy Bezler, Kirstin Etela, Ronald Drew, Gwen Palmer, Dabney Bowen, Peter Hood, Jack Mahoney, John Madeo, Human Services Commission Chair Laura Incerto, WPCF Superintendent John Bodie, Engineering Manager Bill Hurley, Senior Civil Engineer Megha Jain, Attorney John Stafstrom, FairTV

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) RESIGNATIONS (*for information only*)

a) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Sarah E. Roy (D) 3 Buena Vista Road, term 11/20-11/24  
(resigned on October 20, 2022)

Burr Gardens Advisory Committee

i. Jennifer B. Downing (U) 1197 Mine Hill Road, term 11/20-  
11/23 (resigned on November 1, 2022)

ii. Jennifer B. Kennedy (R) 39 River Street, term 11/21-  
11/24 (resigned on November 1, 2022)

b) Human Services Commission

Lori McArthur (R) 355 Papurah Road, term 11/18-11/22  
(resigned September 29, 2022)

The BOS thanked everyone for serving for the Town.

4) REAPPOINTMENTS – **TERM EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to move Item 4e to be approved first as the two reappointees had a meeting to attend. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- a) Police Commission (was 4e)
  - i. Peter Ambrose (R) 830 Burr Street, term 11/22-11/27
  - ii. Charlene J. Lebo (D) 210 Schiller Road, term 11/22-11/27

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Items 4a, i and ii. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- b) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
  - i. Mary M. Tomey-Streeto (D) 137 Beaumont Street, term 11/22-11/26
  - ii. Jose E. Oromi (D) 211 Lloyd Drive, term 11/22-11/26

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve Items 4b, i and ii. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- c) Burr Gardens Advisory Committee  
Robert Twardzik (U) 680 Old Academy Road, 11/22-11/25
- d) Greater Bridgeport Transit (requires RTM approval)  
Pierre A. Ratzki (D) 105 Westford Drive, term 11/22-11/26

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Items 4c & d. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- e) Historic District Commission (requires RTM approval)  
Rosina C. Negron (U) 952 Old Post Road, term 11/22-11/27
- f) Police and Fire Retirement Board  
Thomas J. Collimore, Jr. (R) 132 Red Oak Road, term 11/22-11/25
- g) Shellfish Commission  
Cynthia M. Wakeman (U) 346 Wakeman Road, term 11/22-11/27
- h) Solid Waste and Recycling (requires RTM approval)
  - i. Mary S. Beyer (D) 4720 Congress Street, term 11/22-11/26
  - ii. Timothy W. Bezler (D) 178 Glengarry Road, term 11/22-11/26
  - iii. Kirstin M. Etela (D) 90 South Pine Creek Road, term 11/22-11.26
- i) WPCA  
Ronald A. Drew (R) 187 Orchard Hill Lane, term 11/22-11/26

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Items 4e-i. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board thanked everyone for serving another term.

- 5) **APPOINTMENT - TERM EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28, 2022**  
Human Services Commission  
Gwen J. Palmer (R) 46 Chelsea Street, term 11/22-11/26  
(to fill a vacancy for Lori McArthur (R) who resigned and chose not to be reappointed to another term)

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 5. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

HSC Chair Laura Incerto spoke highly of Gwen Palmer and why she was happy to have her on the Commission.

The Board thanked Ms. Palmer for serving.

- 6) **FIRST SELECTWOMAN REAPPOINTMENTS - TERM EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 28, 2022 (for information only)**
  - a) Conservation Commission
    - i. Dabney H. Bowen (IT) 317 Verna Hill Road, term 11/22-11/27
    - ii. Peter C. Hood (D) 542 Villa Avenue, term 11/22-11/27
  - b) Economic Development Commission  
Steven M. Rosato (D) 85 Old Stratfield Road, term 11/22-11/27
  - c) Employees Retirement Board (requires RTM approval)  
John B. Mahoney (U) 520 Fulling Mill Lane North, term 11/22-11/27
  - d) Fairfield Housing Authority  
John Madeo (R) 163 Daybreak Road, term 11/22-11/27
  - e) Parking Authority  
Richard E. Fitzgerald, Jr. (R) 210 Henderson Road, term 11/22-11/27

These re-appointments are for informational purposes only.

- 7) **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (requires BOF and RTM approval)**  
To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution entitled, "A Resolution Appropriating \$6,250,000 for costs associated with the inspection and construction phase of the East Trunk Wetlands Crossing Project, authorizing a grant to reimburse \$750,000 of such appropriation and authorizing the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to finance a portion of such appropriation"

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve Item 7. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion.

John Bodie and Bill Hurley presented this Item. They said this is to approve the funding in place for construction and construction oversight so the East Trunk can better serve the Town and the Metro Center. They said this project will expand the sewer piping to accommodate the increase in apartments and businesses. They said funding will cover the design services, inspections and construction. They said the \$6,250,000 includes contingency. They said the money will be split between the WPCA Fund Balance, a general obligation bond, and a grant. They said the WPCA will pay back the full bond. They said they are currently working on a Master Plan to present to the Boards in the future.

Selectman Flynn started a discussion on the other WPCA projects needing to be performed this year and the WPCA Fund Balance. Finance, WPCA and DPW will meet next week to come up with a financial plan to fund projects as well as a master plan to include grants and other funding options. There was a detailed discussion about sewer funding and how the rates affect the taxpayers.

Selectman Flynn said he will approve Items 7 and 8, but will not move forward on other projects without a financial plan for the WPCA. First Selectwoman Kupchick suggested having quarterly updates on the WPCA projects and funding.

The motion carried unanimously.

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to waive the reading of Item 8. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (*requires BOF and RTM approval*)

To hear, consider & act upon a supplemental resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfield (the "Town") has adopted at the request of the Water Pollution Control Authority ("WPCA") a Resolution entitled "A Resolution Appropriating \$6,250,000 for costs associated with the inspection and construction phase of the East Trunk Wetlands Crossing Project, authorizing a grant to reimburse \$750,000 of such appropriation and authorizing the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to finance a portion of such appropriation" (the "Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution appropriates \$6,250,000 (the "Appropriation") for costs associated with the inspection and construction phases of the East Trunk Wetlands Crossing Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Appropriation shall be funded by several sources including: 1) \$3,500,000 from the WPCA fund balance; 2) \$750,000 in grant funds from the State of Connecticut's Urban Act Grant Program (the "Grant"); and 3) \$2,000,000 in bonds issued by the Town (the "Bonds"); and WHEREAS, the Resolution authorizes the Appropriation, the negotiation and acceptance of the terms of the Grant and authorizes the Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000; and WHEREAS, while the Town is liable for the debt service on the Bonds, for internal accounting purposes, it is appropriate that all costs of the Project including debt service on the Bonds be allocated to, and reimbursed to the Town by, the WPCA; and

WHEREAS, the WPCA has agreed to pay for the costs of the Project and the debt service on the Bonds authorized by the Resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

RESOLVED,

- 1) That the debt service on the Bonds as such debt service becomes due shall be paid by the WPCA from its own funds and the obligation of the WPCA shall be set forth in a memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") with the Town satisfactory to the First Selectwoman; and
- 2) That the First Selectwoman is hereby authorized to execute the MOU on behalf of the Town.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 8. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

This will be a standard 20-year bond between the Town and the WPCA.

- 9) To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$76,854.42

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 9. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10) Adjourn

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary