

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:00 pm
Via Webex & In-Person in the
First Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

A recording of this meeting can be found here: [BOS Regular Meeting 8/21/2023](#).

FINAL MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ffld National Little League 10U All-Star Team Coaches and Families, Stephen Sivakoff, John Mitola, CFO Jared Schmitt, Engineering Manager Bill Hurley, Senior Civil Engineer Megha Jain, CAO Tom Bremer, Town Attorney James Baldwin, FairTV, members of the public

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) RECOGNITION

Recognition of Fairfield National Little League 10U All-Star Team's New England Regional Championship

First Selectwoman Kupchick introduced the team and presented each of them and the coaches with certificates of congratulations and read a Proclamation declaring August 21, 2023 as Fairfield National Little League 10U All-Star Team Day.

4) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of July 20, 2023

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/20/23 as written. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

5) APPOINTMENTS

Land Acquisition Commission

- i. Theodore M. Dezvane (U) 360 Hemlock Hills North, term 11/21-11/25 (**Full Member**)
(to move from alternate to full member to replace Nicholas D. Mirabile (R) who resigned to serve on RTM)

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve the appointment of Theodore Dezvane to the Land Acquisition Commission. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried 2-0-1 (Lefkowitz abstained).

- ii. Stephen Sivakoff (L*) 128 Katona Drive, term 11/22-11/26 (**Alternate Member**)
(to replace alternate Theodore M. Dezvane (U) who is moving to full member)
*L=Libertarian

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve the appointment of Stephen Sivakoff to the Land Acquisition Commission. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried 2-0-1 (Lefkowitz abstained).

Mr. Sivakoff spoke about his appointment. The BOS thanked both appointees for their willingness to serve the Town.

6) COMPENSATION RECOMMENDTION COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To hear, consider and approve Board of Selectmen compensation for the next term

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 6. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion.

John Mitola, Chair of the Compensation Recommendation Committee for the Board of Selectmen, discussed the Committee's Charge. He also discussed the salaries for Selectpersons and First Selectperson – past and present - as well as the Committee's recommendations for the new fiscal year starting in 2024. There was a discussion about the breakdown of the First Selectperson's salary, stipends, and the breakdown of contribution to cost sharing. The full discussion can be accessed here: [BOS Regular Meeting 8/21/2023](#).

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to postpone the vote to a date certain of the next BOS meeting on September 11, 2023. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7) ENGINEERING MANAGER

RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection any and all documents deemed to be necessary or appropriate for a grant of \$2,500,000 for the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brenda L. Kupchick as First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Fairfield and to do and perform all acts and things deemed to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

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

Engineering Manager Bill Hurley went through the background of the Rooster River Flood Mitigation project leading up to this request.

The motion carried unanimously.

8) PENFIELD PAVILION PROJECT

To hear an update on the Penfield Pavilion Project

CAO Tom Bremer gave an update on the Penfield Pavilion project:

- Construction drawings are complete and are being sent to FEMA
- Bids are going out this week
- On schedule to begin construction in September
- There are 8 hot spots which will be remediated prior to construction starting as they

- have hazmat requirements in accordance with DEEP and then construction will begin
- Sending construction estimates to FEMA along with the drawings re: 50/50 rule
- Resiliency study results should be complete by the end of the year

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9) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$28,326.30

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

10) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting

First Selectwoman Kupchick updated the public with the following:

- She explained how Veterans can apply for a property tax exemption.
- She said she kicked off the first meeting of the Fairfield Arts Commission and noted the members are a wonderful representation of arts and culture throughout our Town and she is excited to see what these talented members are going to bring to our community.
- She wished all students, teachers and staff a great first day of school and successful school year!

The UI transmission project and Town response deadline was discussed.

11) TOWN ATTORNEY

Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Roll vs. Town of Fairfield with Town Attorney James Baldwin

Selectman Flynn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:29 pm. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:39 pm. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

No action was taken.

12) Adjourn

Selectman Flynn made a motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary