

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday, October 2, 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 10/2/2023.](#)

FINAL MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mill Hill Building Committee Chair Jason Li, Colliers Project Manager Mark Schweitzer, Director of Sustainability Aquarian Water Co. Carolyn Giampe, WPCF Superintendent John Bodie, WPCF Project Manager Christine Pacelli, CFO Jared Schmitt, Town Attorney James Baldwin, Attorney Rick Aiken, FairTV, Members of the public

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

After the First Selectwoman led the Pledge of Allegiance, she called for a moment of silence for the Sacred Heart University students involved in a serious accident over the weekend.

3) **MILL HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

To hear, consider and act upon a request from the Mill Hill Elementary School Building Committee to disband

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 3. Nancy Lefkowitz seconded the motion.

Mill Hill Building Committee Chair Jason Li said when all invoices have been paid, there will be an estimated refund to the Town of about \$400,000-\$450,000. There was a discussion about invoices that were still outstanding and whether or not the Committee could disband before all invoices have been paid. Mr Li did explain that he was approved by the committee to still approve the invoices still not submitted as long as they were under \$10,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

4) **AQUARION WATER COMPANY**

To hear a presentation from the Aquarion Water Company on its “Value of Water Campaign”

Director of Sustainability Aquarian Water Co. Carolyn Giampe discussed her presentation which can be found both in the backup documents and the meeting recording.

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

- 5) **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (*requires BOF and RTM approval*)**
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2022, the RTM approved \$300,000 for the design of the Fairfield Beach Pump Station including the force main; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, the RTM approved \$300,000 for the design of the Center Street Pump Station including the force main; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, the RTM approved \$300,000 for the design of the South Pine Creek Pump Station including the force main; and

WHEREAS, the WPCA has determined that the design of the three pump stations is more efficiently conducted as a single project; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for grant funding, the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) requires additional investigation of conditions relating to the pump stations, as well as the hiring of a qualified design consultant under DEEP's Quality Based Selection (QBS) Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated additional cost to be in compliance with the QBS Program and to be eligible for grant funding is \$336,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the recommendation of the WPCA, the previous three authorizations of \$300,000 each in funding for the design of Fairfield Beach, Center Street, and South Pine Creek Pump Stations and force mains are combined, and that \$336,000 is added to the authorization to create a single appropriation of WPCA fund balance in the amount of \$1,236,000 (Phase I) to design the pump stations and comply with DEEP's QBS Program.

There was a very detailed discussion about this project and funding. This is only for the design for this project.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 6) **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (*requires BOF and RTM approval*)**
To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with a recommendation from the WPCA, funding of up to \$235,000 from the WPCA fund balance for Quality Based Selection (QBS) of a design consultant for Toll House, Mill River, Eastfield, and Willow Street pump stations and force mains investigation (Phase II) be, and hereby is, approved.

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

WPCF Superintendent John Bodie said these are the four remaining pump stations identified as needing updates. This is phase two of this type of projects.

The motion carried unanimously.

7) RESIGNATION (*for information only*)

Conservation Commission

Brian L. McCann (R) 110 Eleven O’Clock Road, term 11/2018-11/2023
(Resigned August 2, 2023)

The Board thanked Mr. McCann for his service.

8) FIRST SELECTWOMAN APPOINTMENT (*for information only*)

Conservation Commission

Kathryn M. O’Mahony (D) 140 Mill River Road, term 11/2019-11/2024
(to move from alternate to full member and replace Brian L. McCann (R) who resigned)

The Board thanked Ms. O’Mahony for serving.

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

- First Selectwoman Kupchick said she participated in a press conference with the Ukraine Steering Committee to kick off its October event. She explained how the public donate to Ukraine; and
- The Board discussed the BOE redistricting which has been postponed; and
- There was a discussion about Spotted Lanternflies.

10) TOWN ATTORNEY

Executive Session – Pending Litigation – Laura Pulie v. Town of Fairfield with Attorney Rick Aiken and Town Attorney Jim Baldwin

Selectman Flynn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:11 pm. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:24 pm. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There were no votes taken.

11) Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O’Brien
Recording Secretary