

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday, October 16, 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 10/16/2023](#).

FINAL MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Executive Director of Operations for Fairfield Public Schools (FPS) Angelus Papageorge, Director of Construction and Energy Management for FPS Sal Morabito, Superintendent of FPS Mike Testani, Director of Human Resources Cathleen Simpson, CAO Tom Bremer, Budget Director Frank Magneri

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) MOMENT OF SILENCE

First Selectwoman Kupchick held a Moment of Silence for the terrorist attacks and lives lost in Israel. She said she contacted area Rabbis to express the Town's support and sorrow and noted that the Rabbis shared statements in her newsletter. Selectwoman Nancy Lefkowitz read a heartfelt statement about the attacks and how they affect Jewish people everywhere. Selectman Flynn also spoke about the tragedy in Israel.

4) RESIGNATION (*for information only*)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Mary M. Tomey-Streeto (D) 137 Beaumont Street, term 11/2022-11/2026

(Resigned July 19, 2023)

This item is for information only. The Selectpersons thanked Ms. Tomey-Streeto for her service.

5) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of September 11, 2023

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023, as written. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

6) AC BUILDING COMMITTEE CHARGE

To hear, consider and approve changes to the May 1, 2023 approved Charge for the AC Building Committee.

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

Executive Director of Operations for Fairfield Public Schools Angelus Papageorge explained that the Charge for the committee needs to be updated because additional projects that have received HVAC Indoor Air Quality and/or will receive OSCGR Construction Grants that are assigned to the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Building Committee were added. Mr. Papageorge asked for the word “grant” which appears throughout the Charge before the words “Building Committee” to be removed to allow the committee to apply for grants and other funding relating to the projects.

The motion which carried unanimously.

7) SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution entitled, “A resolution appropriating \$6,286,480 for the cost of roof replacement projects at Holland Hill Elementary School and North Stratfield Elementary School and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation”. – 20 years

See Full Resolution in Backup. Requires BOF and RTM approval.

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

Mr. Papageorge along with FPS’ Director of Construction and Energy Management Sal Morabito and FPS Superintendent Mike Testani went over the details of why they came before the BOS to request additional funding for this project. Selectman Flynn said he would like to see the entirety of the project’s cost. Selectwoman Lefkowitz agreed with Selectman Flynn, but stated that regardless of the amount, this project needs to be done. There was a discussion about the cost and the Town bond cap.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to postpone this vote until 10/19/23 to get more information. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8) HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

To hear, consider and act upon compensation for Town department heads

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

Human Resources Director Cathleen Simpson discussed how increases were determined. Budget Director Frank Magneri told the BOS that the money had been put into the contingency line in the budget.

The motion carried 2-0-1 (Lefkowitz abstained).

9) PENFIELD PAVILION

To Hear an Update on Penfield Pavilion

CAO Tom Bremer gave an update on Penfield Pavilion:

- The fence and barrier are up; and
- Construction will start by December; and
- Construction insurance is in place.

Selectwoman Lefkowitz asked about the RACE study to which Mr. Bremer responded that the study is being done and should be complete in December.

10) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$51,272.90

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve Item 10. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

First Selectwoman Kupchick discussed an event for Fairfield's Sister City, Kostiantynivka, the Town's new website, and the new ARPA-funded town electric vehicles.

12) Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary