

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 4:30 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 Special Meeting 11.15.2023.](#)

FINAL MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Pine, Alex Durrell, Purchasing Director Adam Tulin, WPCF Superintendent John Bodie, Executive Director of Operations-FPS Angelus Papageorge, FPS Superintendent Mike Testani, CFO Jared Schmitt, Attorney John Stafstrom, Town Attorney James Baldwin, FairTV, members of the public

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) RESIGNATIONS (*for information only*)

a. Historic District Commission Alternate

Alyssa G. Stack (U) 16 Essex Street, term 11/19-11/24
(Resigned November 9, 2023)

b. Solid Waste and Recycling Commission

Kirstin Etela (D) 90 South Pine Creek Road, term 11/22-11/26
(Resigned April 13, 2023)

This item was for informational purposes only. The First Selectwoman thanked both women for their service.

4) REAPPOINTMENT

Police Commission

Ronald D. Pine (R) 36 Highlawn Road, term 11/2023 – 11/2028

Selectman Flynn made a motion to reappoint Ronald Pine to the Police Commission.
Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion.

The Selectpersons spoke highly of Mr. Pine. Selectwoman Lefkowitz stated since a new administration was coming in, she would abstain from voting. Mr. Pine spoke and thanked the board for his reappointment.

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

5) JACKY DURRELL PORTRAIT UNVEILING

First Selectwoman Kupchick presented a refinished and reframed portrait of First Selectwoman Jacky Durrell which was unveiled by both First Selectwoman Kupchick and Alex Durrell, the son of Jacky Durrell. First Selectman Kupchick said it will be hung along side First Selectman John Sullivan in the Sullivan Independence Hall first floor conference room.

6) MINUTES

To consider and act upon the minutes of October 2, 2023, October 16, 2023, October 19, 2023 Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/2/23, 10/16/23, and 10/19/23 as written. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously

7) PURCHASING AUTHORITY

To hear and consider authorizing the Purchasing Authority to enter into the proposed contract with Tighe & Bond, to provide all engineering services necessary to perform the preliminary investigation and field survey for the following four pump stations: Toll House Pump Station, Mill River Pump Station, Eastfield Drive Pump Station and Willow Street Pump Station as detailed in RFP #2023-140 in an amount not to exceed \$235,000. Funding for this contract is available in account 13011110-59500 Authorized Appropriations from Fund Balance.

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

Purchasing Director Adam Tulin explained the RFP bidding process for the pump stations. Town Attorney Baldwin said he had read the contract and had some technical changes, but nothing that would prevent an agreement with the contractor. Mr. Tulin said the engineering services are being funded by the WPCA fund balance.

The motion carried unanimously.

8) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (*requires Board of Finance and RTM approval*)

To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution amending and restating a resolution entitled, "A resolution appropriating \$2,377,000 for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation," to add equipment to Exhibit A. (15 YEAR)

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

CFO Jared Schmitt said this will add to the list of already approved equipment for DPW. The list is on page 141 of the backup. He said this is for an excavator and boom mower and the useful life of the equipment matches the length of the bond.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 9) SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (*requires Board of Finance and RTM approval*)
To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution entitled, “A resolution appropriating \$973,090 for the costs of pre-constructions services for Phases II Through V of the air conditioning upgrade project at various schools and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation”. (20 YEAR)

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

Executive Director of Operations for Fairfield Public Schools Angelus Papageorge explained that this funding is for Phases 2-5 of the air conditioning projects for the schools.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 10) SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (*requires Board of Finance and RTM approval*)
To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution entitled, “A resolution appropriating \$1,048,706 for the cost of the Roger Sherman Elementary School boiler burner replacement project and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation.” (20 YEAR)

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

Mr. Papageorge said the boiler needs replacing. The last boilers lasted more than 20 years.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 11) SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (*requires Board of Finance and RTM approval*)
To hear, consider and adopt a bond resolution amending and restating a resolution entitled, “A resolution appropriating \$3,653,150 for the costs of various Board of Education Capital Projects and authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation” to increase the appropriation and bond authorization by \$1,061,000 to a total of \$4,714,150. (20 YEAR)

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve Item 11. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion.

The reason for the requested increase is due to bids that came in higher than the original estimate.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 12) CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER (*requires Board of Finance and RTM approval*)
To hear, consider and act upon a resolution approving the transfer of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Revenue Surplus (*see full resolution in backup*)

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve Item 12. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion.

CFO Jared Schmitt said the resolution is to start the process on the overall surplus. He said the three boards will need to approve this and that he has already presented this to the BOF, but since it has changed, and he has spoken with the BOF Chairwoman about this.

The motion carried unanimously.

13) TAX COLLECTOR

To consider and act upon tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$29,984.26

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve Item 13. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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

All the Selectpersons thanked the public for the opportunity to serve on the Board for the last four years. The full comments can be heard by accessing the recording here: [BOS Special Meeting 11.15.2023.](#)

15) Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary