

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
MAY 19, 2014**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, May 19, 2014, at the Education Center, Kings Highway, Fairfield, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00P.M. by Moderator Mary McCullough.

PRESENT: 33 ABSENT: 17 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Donovan, Herley, Meyer, Ambrose, Burshtein, Steele, Bateson, Devlin, Mackenzie, McCullough, Dean, DeMartino, Gerber, Palmer, Semmel, Garskof, Smey, Way, Marks, Marmion, Newman, Pires, Braun, Durrell, Li, McCarthy, Melaragno, Jacob, Pontrelli, Tymniak, Cafferelli, Farnen, Ryan

ABSENT: Lipp, Sundman, Schindler, Varian, Ference, Waldron, O'Brien, Gottlieb, Wolk, Zezima, Hochberg, Hoffkins, Schwartz, Iacono, McArdle, Neuberger, Perugini

ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moderator Mary McCullough led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. The Moderator asked those present to remember those who served in the Armed Forces and those who died for our freedom, in honor of Memorial Day.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2014

Upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF RODNEY J. VAN DEUSEN TO THE TOWN FACILITIES COMMISSION

The Moderator asked First Selectman Mike Tetreau to address questions that arose during Committee meetings regarding the status of the Town Facilities Commission.

First Selectman Tetreau explained that due to fiscal constraints, fewer projects have been directed to the TFC and they have seen less activity in recent months. The TFC performs a valuable role, but he questions whether both the TFC and the Special Projects Standing Building Committee are necessary. In the coming months he will look for recommendations from the committees.

Following the First Selectman's comments, Josh Garskof, District 6, moved the appointment as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Allen Marks, District 8. Mr. Van Deusen was present.

VOTE: The appointment of Mr. VanDeusen to the Town Facilities Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SERVE AS MUNICIPAL LIAISON AND AS OVERSEER OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

Allen Marks, District 8, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Carol Way.

VOTE: The NAA program was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF PROGRAM YEAR 40 (OCT 1, 2014 - SEP 30, 2015) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$456,698, AND AUTHORIZATION OF FIRST SELECTMAN MICHAEL C. TETREAU TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO FACILITATE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN SAID CDBG PROGRAM

Allen Marks, District 8, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded by Carol Way.

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Chris Tymniak, District 9, noted that \$75,000 in home improvement funds are not earmarked for use this year. He asked how the program could be marketed better, aside from his asking this question during the meeting so that residents watching at home are now aware of the program.

Community and Economic Development Director Mark Barnhard thanked Mr. Tymniak for bringing the subject up and said that residents may call his office or check the Town's website for information on the home improvement program. The program has been announced in local media and he makes presentations at the senior center. He would be happy to address other groups.

Kathy Braun, District 8, asked what happens to unused funds, to which Mr. Barnhard replied they get rolled over to the following program year.

Ms. Braun asked if the program budget can be expanded with the rollover funds. Mr. Barnhard explained that the budget is as presented, unless it is modified by the Body.

Peter Ambrose, District 2, asked about the accumulation of the funds that roll over from year to year.

Mr. Barnhard explained that every year the unexpended funds roll over and certain funds are used first.

Jeffrey Melaragno, District 8, objected to the high administration costs, which amount to twenty percent of the grant.

Mr. Barnhard explained that the line item covers the salary and benefits for one staffer, and that using these funds shifts the cost of the employee from the Town's budget to the grant.

VOTE: The CDBG program for PY40 was approved with 31 in favor, 2 opposed (DeMartino, Melaragno).

ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 51 OF THE FAIRFIELD TOWN CODE, ENTITLED, "BLIGHT PREVENTION"

Rep. Li, District 8 moved this item as distributed with the Call, seconded by Rep. Bateson, District 3.

First Selectman Tetreau asked if the ordinance will go into effect immediately. Asst. Town Clerk Ann Roche responded that it would take effect fourteen days after approval in accordance with the Town Code.

VOTE: The amendment to Chapter 51, Section 2 of the Town Code was approved by unanimous voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rep. Ambrose asked for a moment of silence for Lucie McKinney, founder of the Stewart B. McKinney Foundation which helps the homeless and those suffering with HIV/AIDS, who passed away recently.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Ann Roche