

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**  
**August 25, 2014**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 8 PM at the Education Center, 501 Kings Hwy East, Fairfield.

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Moderator Mary McCullough.

PRESENT: 46                      ABSENT: 4                      VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Donovan, Herley, Lipp, Sundman, Ambrose, Burshtein, Schindler, Steele, Varian, Bateson, Devlin, Ference, Mackenzie, McCullough, Dean, DeMartino, Gerber, Palmer, Waldron, Garskof, O'Brien, Semmel, Smey, Way, Gottlieb, Marks, Marmion, Wolk, Zezima, Hochberg, Hoffkins, Newman, Schwartz, Braun, Li, McCarthy, Melaragno, Iacono, Jacob, McArdle, Pontrelli, Tymniak, Cafferelli, Farnen, Neuberger, Perugini

ABSENT: Meyer, Pires, Durrell, Ryan

**ITEM 1 ON CALL: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Moderator McCullough asked the Body to remember in its thoughts the family of SHU student Kaitlyn Doorhy who was struck and killed by a motor vehicle this past weekend.

**ITEM 2 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23 MEETING**

The minutes were approved as presented with 43 in favor and 2 abstentions (Schindler, Wolk) (Rep. Sundman was not present to vote).

**ITEM 3 ON CALL: REAPPOINTMENT OF JILL KELLY TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION**

Pamela Iacono, District 9 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Mrs. Kelly was present.

**VOTE:** Jill Kelly's reappointment to the Ethics Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM 4 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS BROGAN TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION**

Michael Herley, District 1 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Mr. Brogan was present.

**VOTE:** Chris Brogan's appointment to the Ethics Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM 5 ON CALL: REAPPOINTMENTS OF HARRY R. ACKLEY, KENNETH D. JONES & HOWARD ROSENBAUM TO THE TOWN FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Pamela Iacono, District 9 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Messrs. Ackley and Rosenbaum were present.

**VOTE:** The reappointments of Harry Ackley, Ken Jones and Howard Rosenbaum to the Town Facilities Commission were approved 44-0-1 (DeMartino abstained.) (Rep. Sundman was not present to vote).

**ITEM 6 ON CALL:** TO HEAR A REPORT FROM THE PENFIELD BUILDING COMMITTEE

This item was withdrawn.

**ITEM 7 ON CALL:** “RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BOND RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2014, ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,478,766 FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN NONRECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,” TO REALLOCATE BOND PROCEEDS BETWEEN PROJECT CATEGORIES AND REDUCE APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION BY \$85,000,’ CONSISTING OF FIVE PAGES, BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Hal Schwartz, District 7 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The bonding resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM 8 ON CALL:** “RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2013 ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$14,485,766 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION AND RENOVATION OF RIVERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,” TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION TO \$16,349,319,’ CONSISTING OF SEVEN PAGES, BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Allen Marks, District 6 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Tom McCarthy, District 8 stated that now that the “new rules” are that PCBs must be removed not encapsulated it may give us pause regarding the funding of some of the larger school projects that are in the pipeline.

Kathy Braun, District 8 indicated that she had several questions in committee that have since been addressed and she will support this.

Nikki Vinoski thanked the RTM for their support and asked for their continued support as Riverfield is not only a school but a community building.

**VOTE:** The \$16,349,319 bonding resolution for Riverfield School was approved with 45 in favor and 1 opposed (Melaragno).

**ITEM 9 ON CALL:** TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (NOW DAS) REGARDING THE STATE REBUILDING THE FAIRFIELD REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER

Hank Ference, District 3 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The MOU between the Town and State of CT DPW (DAS) regarding the Fire Training Center was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM 10 ON CALL:** Referral of FairTV Ordinance to L & A

This ordinance was voted out of L&A and will be on the September Call.

**SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM 1:** SENSE OF THE BODY RESOLUTION

The sponsors, Laurene O'Brien, Kathy Braun and Ellen Jacob, withdrew this item but noted that there has been a lot of activity on the subject and urged the members of the Body to attend the Affordable Housing Workshop on September 10 and read the Affordable Housing Committee's Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

John Donovan, District 1 moved and Carol Pontrelli, District 4 seconded to add a Sense of the Body Resolution regarding the Penfield Building Committee to the agenda.

**VOTE:** The motion to add the Sense of the Body Resolution to the agenda failed 30-15-1.

**IN FAVOR:** Donovan, Herley, Lipp, Sundman, Ambrose, Burshtein, Schindler, Steele, Varian, Bateson, Devlin, Ference, Mackenzie, McCullough, DeMartino, Palmer, Semmel, Way, Braun, Li, McCarthy, Melaragno, Iacono, Jacob, McArdle, Pontrelli, Tymniak, Cafferelli, Farnen, Neuberger

**OPPOSED:** Dean, Gerber, Waldron, Garskof, O'Brien, Smey, Gottlieb, Marks, Marmion, Wolk, Zezima, Hochberg, Hoffkins, Newman, Schwartz

**ABSTAINED:** Perugini

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Pamela Iacono recognized Town Clerk Betsy Browne who was recognized as a Town Hero in the recent edition of *Fairfield Magazine* and thanked her for her work as Clerk of the RTM and as 375 Co-Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and upon made, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MCTC  
Town Clerk