

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
March 23, 2015

A meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 8 PM at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield.

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Moderator Pamela Iacono.

PRESENT: 39 ABSENT: 11 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Donovan, Herley, Sundman, Ambrose, Steele, Varian, Bateson, Cargill, Ference, Mackenzie, McCullough, Dean, DeMartino, Gerber, Palmer, Waldron, Garskof, O'Brien, Smey, Way, Marks, Siebert, Wolk, Zezima, Hochberg, Newman, Pires, Schwartz, Durrell, Li, McCarthy, Melaragno, Iacono, Jacob, McArdle, Pontrelli, Tymniak, Perugini, Ryan

ABSENT: Lipp, Meyer, Burshtein, Schindler, Semmel, Gottlieb, Hoffkins, Braun, Cafferelli, Farnen, Neuberger

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

Moderator Iacono thanked the Body for all their kind thoughts and notes during her family's recent losses.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015 MEETING

Upon motion made and duly seconded the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN: KATHRYN F. FAGAN, (R), 450 CORNELL ROAD, TERM NOV. 2013 - 2018

Hal Schwartz, District 7 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded. Ms. Fagan was present and explained her extensive experience in investments and wants to serve the community in which she lives.

Ellen Jacob, District 9 noted that she was very impressed by the questions Ms. Fagan raised on her questionnaire. Tom McCarthy, District 8 asked about her investment outlook particularly involving risk. Ms. Fagan said her experience had been in more broad-based markets.

VOTE: The appointment of Kathryn Fagan to the Employees' Retirement Board was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND APPROPRIATION ENTITLED, 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$775,000 FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN NON-RECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS

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AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION' BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

Ed Bateson, District 3 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

VOTE: The resolution appropriating \$775,000 for certain non-recurring capital projects was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND APPROPRIATION ENTITLED, 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,289,000 FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN NON-RECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION' BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

Heather Dean, District 4 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Ed Bateson, District 3 noted that DPW is now following a plan that includes two vehicles in the budget and two in capital non-recurring. He would like to see them continue to follow a plan that would be one vehicle in the capital non-recurring and three in the budget.

Ellen Jacob, District 9 questioned the school security upgrade. Supt. of Schools David Title explained that while there will be a need for different consultants to handle this project, the schools have worked closely with the Fairfield Police to upgrade school security.

VOTE: The resolution appropriating \$1,289,000 for certain non-recurring capital projects was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "RESOLVED, THAT THE BOND APPROPRIATION ENTITLED, 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$4,226,342 FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN NON-RECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION' BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

Jennifer Hochberg, District 7 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

VOTE: The resolution appropriating \$4,226,342 for certain non-recurring capital projects was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY EDWARD BATESON, DISTRICT 3 AND MICHAEL HERLEY, DISTRICT 1: "RESOLVED, THAT THE ATTACHED BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$120,000 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PROJECTS AT OSBORN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION' BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

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Ed Bateson, District 3 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Rep. Bateson asked First Selectman Tetreau to share the new information regarding Osborn Hill.

First Selectman Tetreau explained that the owner's rep found that an encumbrance had already been paid in another line item, thus freeing up \$250,000 for this project, and the Building Committee no longer needs to ask this body for additional funds. They are committed to getting this done as soon as possible.

WITHDRAWAL OF RESOLUTION: Ed Bateson withdrew the resolution in light of the funds being available for the corridor.

Hal Schwartz, District 7 said he would like to hear from the OHBC as to what their plan is. Mr. Tetreau said they are working on specs and will have to coordinate the corridor portion with the remainder of the project.

Moderator Iacono asked First Selectman Tetreau for the documentation from the OHBC which will be shared with the Body and she will follow up with the OHBC chair for an update.

NEW BUSINESS

Jay Wolk, District 6 invited the members to the memorial service for Max Maisel who has been missing for over a month on Friday at 11 AM at B'Nai Israel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, CMC, MCTC
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Frances Daly