

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**  
**March 27, 2017**

A meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 8 PM at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Moderator Pamela Iacono.

Hannah Gale, District 6 announced the appointment of Pamela Jones to fill the vacancy created by Janice Solomon's resignation.

PRESENT: 38 ABSENT: 2 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: P. Ambrose, J. Jones, McCullough, Varian, Gerber, Lynch, Newman, Perham, Dean, Durrell, Orriss, Pine, Hochberg, Lopez, Pires, Zezima, Garskof, Smey, Way, Wolk, M. Ambrose, Gale, Neuberger, P. Jones, McCarthy, McDermott, Vergara, Wackerman, Ference, Iacono, Messina, Tallman, Farnen, Georgiadis, Lee, Fattibene, Herley, Sundman

ABSENT: Perugini, Cargill

**ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL:** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moderator Iacono led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL:** APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

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

**ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL:**

TO HEAR CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN: “RESOLVED, THAT A CERTAIN CONTRACT NEGOTIATED BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND LOCAL 1303-366 OF COUNCIL 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO FAIRFIELD PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION) CONCERNING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 BE, AND HEREBY IS, AMENDED, IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT SO AS TO MAKE THE CONTRACT EFFECTIVE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, AND TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND OTHER MATTERS.”

Mark McDermott, District 7 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Paul Fattibene, District 10 stated that he would be unable to support the passage of this or any other CBA because of the State's uncertain fiscal health which, in turn has caused the State to cut funding to the Town. He further stated that the passage of any contract which gave raises would be a hardship on the citizenry of the Town.

Bill Gerber, District 2 asked Mr. Fattibene if the Town would save if the Body did not approve this contract and then it was brought to arbitration. He stated that sometimes voting down an expenditure even during a fiscal crisis leads to greater costs.

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Mr. Fattibene replied that the Town's residents are facing stagnant salaries, and higher taxes because of the tax burdens placed on the Town by the State, and so, he believed that the Towns' fiscal health would be a factor to be considered if any contract did go to arbitration.

**VOTE:** The resolution approving the contract between the Town of Fairfield and Local 1303-366 Fairfield PTEA (Mid Management Association) was approved with 29 in favor and 9 opposed ((P. Ambrose, J. Jones, McCullough, Lynch, Durrell, McCarthy, Tallman, Farnen, Fattibene).

**ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION CENTER. (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION)

Mary McCullough, District 1 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

There was no discussion of this item.

**VOTE:** The resolution confirming participation in the Regional Household Waste Collection Center 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 SELECTMEN: "RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AUTHORIZES THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD'S BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A GRANT FOR THE TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTIAL RE-ROOFING PROJECT AT THE TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOMLINSON ROOF BUILDING COMMITTEE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AS THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTIAL RE-ROOFING PROJECT AT THE TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL; AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD HEREBY AUTHORIZES AT LEAST THE PREPARATION OF SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS AND OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTIAL RE-ROOFING PROJECT AT TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL" BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

Josh Garskof, District 5 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The resolution establishing the Tomlinson Middle School Building Committee for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-Roofing Project, and approving the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Partial Re-Roofing project 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 SELECTMEN; "RESOLVED, THAT THE SPECIAL PROJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL SERVE AS THE TOMLINSON

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ROOF BUILDING COMMITTEE (TRBC) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ROOF REPLACEMENTS AT TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL”, BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Jennifer Hochberg, District 4 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The resolution approving the Special Projects Standing Committee to serve as the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL:**

THE MODERATOR HAS REFERRED AMENDMENTS TO THE NOISE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, SPONSORED BY RAY NEUBERGER, DISTRICT 6; BRIAN FARNEN, DISTRICT 9; AND SAMUEL CARGILL, DISTRICT 10, TO THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, UNDER RULE 32 OF THE RTM RULES TO REGULATE.

Michael Herley, L&A Chair announced that the amendments had been voted out of committee, and will be presented to the Body during the next two regular meetings. He thanked Reps. Neuberger, Farnen, Perugini and Cargill for their diligence and hard work.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, CMC, MCTC  
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Frances Daly

**Education & Recreation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes—March 20, 2017**

**I. Call to order**

Vice Chair Ken Lee moved and Member Christine Messina seconded to call to order the regular meeting of the Education and Recreation Committee at 8:08 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, at the Board of Education conference room, 501 Kings Highway East.

**II. Roll call**

Secretary Jill Vergara conducted roll call. The following members were present (5): Carol Way, Ken Lee, Jill Vergara, Mark McDermott and Christine Messina. The following members were absent (3): Brian Farnen (presenting Noise Ordinance to L&A Comm.), Tim Lynch and Jay Wolk.

**III. Items on the Call**

**A. Item #3 on the Call (Labor Contract with Technical Employees Ass'n)**

Moved by C. Messina, seconded by M. McDermott.

Item passed 4-0-1. Voting in favor: Reps. Messina, McDermott, Lee and Vergara. Against: none. Abstentions: Rep. Way.

**B. Item #4 on the Call (Participation in the regional household waste collection center)**

Moved by M. McDermott, seconded by C. Messina.

Item passed unanimously.

**C. Item #5 on the Call (Tomlinson Middle Sch. Partial Re-roofing Project)**

Moved by J. Vergara, seconded by M. McDermott.

Item passed unanimously.

**D. Item #6 on the Call (Special Projects Standing Building Comm. to serve as Tomlinson Roof Building Comm. for the roof replacements at Tomlinson)**

Moved by K. Lee, seconded by C. Messina.

Item passed 4-0-1. Voting in favor: Reps. Lee, Messina, McDermott and Vergara. Against: none. Abstentions: Rep. Way.

Motion to adjourn by M. McDermott, seconded by C. Way. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Vergara

Secretary, Ed & Rec Comm.

April 3, 2017

# **Finance Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **I. Call to order**

Mary McCullough moved and Bill Gerber seconded to call to order the regular meeting of the Finance Committee at 8:06 PM on March 20, 2017.

### **II. Alex Durrell conducted a roll call. The following persons (5) were present: Alex Durrell, Bill Gerber, Erin Lopez, Mary McCullough, Eric Newman. The following people (3) was absent: Peter Ambrose, Keith Varian, Liz Zezima.**

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Alex Durrell provided the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as provided.

### **IV. Items on the Call**

#### **Agenda Item #3 on the Call (PETA Contract):**

To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectman:

“RESOLVED, that a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Local Union 1303-366 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Fairfield Professional and Technical Employees Association (Mid-Management Association) concerning conditions of employment for the period ending June 30, 2013 be, and hereby is, amended, in the manner described in the Summary of Tentative Agreement so as to make the contract effective through June 30, 2020, and to incorporate certain other changes regarding wages, hours and other matters.”

Moved by Mary McCullough, seconded by Erin Lopez. Motion failed.

Votes: 0 in favor, 0 against, 5 abstention

In Favor: None

Against: None

Abstention: Alex Durrell, Bill Gerber, Erin Lopez, Mary McCullough, Eric Newman.

#### **Agenda Item #4 on the Call (HazWaste Agreement):**

To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“To consider and act upon the attached resolution recommended by the Board of Selectmen between the Town of Fairfield and the South Central Regional Water Authority to confirm participation in the regional household waste collection center. “

Moved by Mary McCullough, seconded by Erin Lopez. Motion passed.

Votes: 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention

In Favor: Alex Durrell, Bill Gerber, Erin Lopez, Mary McCullough, Eric Newman

Against: None

Abstention: None

#### **Agenda Items #5 on the Call (Tomlinson Middle School Resolutions 3):**

To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:



“RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Town of Fairfield’s Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School.”

Moved by Mary McCullough, seconded by Erin Lopez. Motion passed.

Votes: 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention

In Favor: Alex Durrell, Bill Gerber, Erin Lopez, Mary McCullough, Eric Newman

Against: None

Abstention: None

**Agenda Item #6 on the Call (Assignment of TMS to Special Projects):**

To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that the Special Projects Standing Building Committee shall serve as the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee (TRBC) for the purpose of performing roof replacements at Tomlinson Middle School.”

Moved by Mary McCullough, seconded by Erin Lopez. Motion passed.

Votes: 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstention

In Favor: Alex Durrell, Bill Gerber, Erin Lopez, Mary McCullough, Eric Newman

Against: None

**V. New Business**

None

**VI. Adjournment**

Eric Newman moved and Alex Durrell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

# **Legislation & Administration Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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### **I. Call to order**

Chairman Herley called to order the regular meeting of the Legislation & Administration Committee at 20:07 on March 20, 2017 at The Education Center.

### **II. Roll call**

- A. The following persons were present: Representatives Herley, McCarthy, Iacono, Ference, Dean, & Garskof.
- B. The following persons were absent: Representatives Neuberger, & Pires.

### **III. Acceptance of minutes**

Motion to approve the February 21<sup>st</sup> L&A Committee meeting minutes made by Representative Iacono, Seconded by Representative McCarthy.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Items on the Call:**

**Item #3.** To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectman:

“RESOLVED, that a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Local Union 1303-366 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Fairfield Professional and Technical Employees Association (Mid-Management Association) concerning conditions of employment for the period ending June 30, 2013 be, and hereby is, amended, in the manner described in the Summary of Tentative Agreement so as to make the contract effective through June 30, 2020, and to incorporate certain other changes regarding wages, hours and other matters.”

Motion to Approve made by Representative McCarthy, Seconded by Representative Dean

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #4.** To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“To consider and act upon the attached resolution recommended by the Board of Selectmen between the Town of Fairfield and the South Central Regional Water Authority to confirm participation in the regional household waste collection center.

Motion to Approve made by Representative Iacono, Seconded by Representative McCarthy.

Motion carried unanimously.



**Item #5.** To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Town of Fairfield’s Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School.”

Motion to approve made by Representative McCarthy, Seconded by Representative Dean.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #6.** To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that the Special Projects Standing Building Committee shall serve as the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee (TRBC) for the purpose of performing roof replacements at Tomlinson Middle School.”

Motion to approve made by Representative Iacono, Seconded by Representative Dean.

Representative McCarthy commented; “If a roof leaks, Fix It”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #7.** The Moderator has referred amendments to the Noise Ordinance, Chapter 78 of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by Ray Neuberger, District 6; Brian Farnen, District 9; William Perugini, District 9; and Samuel Cargill, District 10, to the Legislation and Administration Committee, under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate.

The committee heard a presentation by Representative Farnan.

Motion to approve & move out of committee made by Representative Iacono, Seconded by Representative McCarthy.

Motion carried 5-0-1; with Representative Dean abstaining.

## **V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 20:23. Motion made by Representative Iacono, seconded by Representative McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Hank Ference; Secretary, L & A Committee.



# **Public Health & Safety**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 20, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Jennifer Hochberg, our Vice Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Public Health & Safety at 8:20 pm at BOE building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **II. Roll call**

J. Hochberg conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: J. Hochberg, H. Gale, and P.Fattibene. The following persons were absent: B. Perugini S. Cargill, E. Sundman, R. Smey and C.Perham.

Since we did not have a quorum, we only held a discussion on the items on the Call.

### **III. Items on the Call**

3. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectman:

**RESOLVED, that a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Local Union 1303-366 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Fairfield Professional and Technical Employees Association (Mid Management Association) concerning conditions of employment for The period ending June 30, 2013 be, and hereby is, amended, in the manner described in the Summary of Tentative Agreement so as to make the contract effective through June 30, 2020, and To incorporate certain other changes regarding wages, hours and other matters."**

Conversation ensued with the three of our committee present.

4. To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

**"To consider and act upon the attached resolution (emailed to us all) by the Board of Selectmen between the Town of Fairfield and the South Central Regional Water Authority to Confirm participation in the regional household waste collection center"**

Again, committee present discussed.

5. To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

**RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Town of Fairfield's Board of Education to Apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School; and**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee is hereby established  
As the building committee with regard to the Tomlinson Middle School Partial Re-Roofing  
Project at Tomlinson Middle School.”**

**FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of  
Schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Tomlinson Middle School Partial  
Re-Roofing Project at Tomlinson Middle School.”**

Committee discussed

6. To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

**“RESOLVED, that the Special Projects Standing Building Committee shall serve as the  
Tomlinson Roof Building Committee (TRBC) for the purpose of performing roof  
Replacements at Tomlinson Middle School.”**

No voting was done by committee, but discussion ensued.

Adjournment

Jennifer Hochberg, our Vice Chair adjourns the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Perham, Secretary PHS

# PUBLIC WORKS and PLANNING

MINUTES MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Present:**

Robin Oriss, Dru Georgiadis, Ron Pine, Karen Wakerman, Matt Ambrose and John Jones

**Absent:** Peter Tallman, Jamie Solaman

**Call item 2.** Minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

Minutes need to be corrected on the roll call. Pine should be substituted for Harrison, as she had resigned and is living in Seattle, WA, and thus not present at the meeting.

**Call item 3.** PTEA contract AFSCME Council 4

Discussion: Committee felt it was a fair contract. Wanted more detail on the exact salaries of the different levels, pertaining to the job descriptions of each position. Mr. Hibson, Human Resource Director promised he would include that information before the regular RTM meeting. The committee also expressed the desire to have the information about the contract earlier (before a tentative agreement was signed) so it could be studied before being voted on.

Robin Oriss made a motion to vote for the contract.

Seconded by Dru Georgiadis. Motioned passed 6-0

**Call item 4.** Confirm participation with the South Central Regional Water Authority on household waste collection.

Discussion: none

Robin Oriss made a motion to accept the resolution as written.

Seconded by Dru Georgiadis.

Motion carried 6-0

**Call item 5. And 6.** Acceptance of a grant application for the Tomlinson MS partial re-roofing project, and the Special Projects Standing Building Committee would serve as the as the Tomlinson Roof Building Committee.

Discussion: none

Motion to accept made by Dru Georgiadis.

Seconded by Karen Wackerman.

Motion carried 6-0



**Other:**

A number of committee members attended the public information meeting on the toxic fill that was deposited at the town dump by Julian enterprises. The State Department Environmental Protection Agency is still investigating and taking soil samples. The committee discussed the possibility of filing a criminal complaint, citing CGA 53a-119, "defrauding a public community" which is a felony under State Law. This criminal investigation would run parallel to any civil proceeding. However, the consensus of the committee was that there was not enough information to support that at this time.

Motion to Adjourn made at 8:40pm by Robin Oriss

Seconded by Ron Pine

Motion carried 6-0