

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
MAY 7, 2018**

A meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 8 PM at the Penfield Pavilion, 323 Fairfield Beach Road, Fairfield, CT.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01PM by Moderator Phil Pires.

PRESENT: 36    ABSENT: 4    VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: P. Ambrose, Bateson, Lefkowitz, Gerber, Lopez, Newman, Perham, Dean, Durrell, Jacobs, Pistilli, Kelly, Pires, Spoylar, Garskof, Siebert, Wolk, Berecz, Gale, Havey, Bove, McDermott, Vergara, Wackerman, Berchem, Iacono, Messina, Tallman, Farnen, Georgiadis, Herron, Horton, Cargill, Herley, Petise, Sundman

ABSENT: Varian, O'Reilly, Smey, M. Ambrose

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

Moderator Pires led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL:**                          TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE SELF SUPPORTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,626,215 FOR THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

Heather Dean, District 3, moved this item as distributed with the call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** This item passed by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL:**                          TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE SELF SUPPORTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,267 FOR THE REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

Alice Kelly, District 4, moved this item as distributed with the call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** This item passed by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL:**                          TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,191,969 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. THE TOTAL BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Board of Finance Recommended Budget	<u>\$305,191,969</u>
Less: Non-Current Tax Year Revenue	<u>(23,946,810)</u>
Net Revenue to be raised by Current Year Taxation	281,245,159

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Plus: Senior Tax Relief	3,638,002
Plus: Reserve for Uncollected Taxes/Other Credits	<u>4,495,551</u>
Gross Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$289,378,712

Karen Wackerman, District 7, moved this item as distributed with the call, duly seconded.

Karen Wackerman, District 7, said she would vote in favor of this budget and thanked the First Selectman and Town Department Heads for preparing a lean and responsible budget with the intent to protect the Town from further State budget cuts.

Sharon Pistilli, District 3, voiced her support of the overall budget, giving special recognition to the Department of Public Works. Although there has been a decrease in paving roads and buying new trucks she felt the DPW was working very hard.

Heather Dean, District 3, stated that she was in support of the entire budget and thanked the First Selectman for putting forward a responsible budget. She noted that this was the 13<sup>th</sup> budget she had voted on and that her youngest daughter is graduating from high school this June. Ms. Dean stated that she feels the BOE budget increase of 2.95% is more than fair. She thanked the Board of Education for presenting a responsible budget which not only maintains the standard of education in Fairfield but tries to improve it. Ms. Dean applauded the continuation of the Gifted and Talented program for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Cynthia Perham, District 2, stated that she was in support of the increase to the Senior Center.

Margaret Horton, District 9, stated that she was in support of the budget, and noted that the budget for Recreation and Parks covers almost 20 self-supporting programs.

**VOTE:** The proposed appropriations in the amount of \$305,191,969 for the fiscal year of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 passed with 32 in favor and 4 opposed (Bateson, Herley, Ambrose, Durrell).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, CMC, MCTC  
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Frances M. Daly