

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
March 26, 2018

A meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 8 PM at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM by Deputy Moderator Mark McDermott.

PRESENT: 36 ABSENT: 4 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: P. Ambrose, Bateson, Lefkowitz, Varian, Gerber, Lopez, Perham, Dean, Durrell, Jacobs, Pistilli, Kelly, O'Reilly, Spoylar, Garskof, Siebert, Wolk, M. Ambrose, Berecz, Gale, Harvey, Bove, McDermott, Vergara, Wackerman, Berchem, Iacono, Messina, Tallman, Georgiadis, Herron, Horton, Cargill, Sundman

ABSENT: Newman, Pires, Smey, Herley

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

Deputy Moderator McDermott led the Pledge of Allegiance. Peter Ambrose asked the Body to observe a moment of silence in memory of Father John Baran, Pastor of St. Anthony's Parish who passed away over the weekend.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2018 MINUTES

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

VOTE: The minutes as amended from the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2018 were approved unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The Deputy Moderator reported that items numbered 5 and 6 were eligible for the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Items 5 and 6 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE.

This report was heard in committee.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE.

This report was heard in committee.

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF RODNEY J. VANDEUSEN JR (R) TO THE SPECIAL PROJECTS STANDING BUILDING COMMITTEE

This item was on the Consent Calendar.

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ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION TO ENABLE THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSTAINABLE CT MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (SEE SUSTAINABLE CT RESOLUTION).

This item was on the Consent Calendar.

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HOUSING TRUST FUND, SPONSORED BY ED BATESON, DISTRICT 1; HEATHER DEAN, DISTRICT 3; PHIL PIRES, DISTRICT 4; JOSH GARSKOF, DISTRICT 5; KAREN WACKERMAN, DISTRICT 7; JILL VERGARA, DISTRICT 7; PAMELA IACONO, DISTRICT 8; AND MICHAEL HERLEY, DISTRICT 10.

Jill Vergara, District 7 moved this item as distributed with the call, duly seconded.

VOTE: This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL: THE MODERATOR HAS REFERRED AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS ORDINANCE, SECTION 95-7 TO SECTION 97-15.4 OF CHAPTER 95, ARTICLE III, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, SPONSORED BY THE SENIOR TAX RELIEF ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: MICHAEL HERLEY, DISTRICT 10; CYNTHIA PERHAM, DISTRICT 2; MARK MCDERMOTT, DISTRICT 7; JILL VERGARA, DISTRICT 7; AND PETER TALLMAN, DISTRICT 8; TO THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UNDER RULE 32 OF THE RTM RULES TO REGULATE. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED.

The Deputy Moderator advised that this item will be on the April Call for discussion.

ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL: THE MODERATOR HAS REFERRED AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT FOR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING; SPONSORED BY ERIC NEWMAN, DISTRICT 2; ALEX DURELL, DISTRICT 3; KAREN WACKERMAN, DISTRICT 7, AND JILL VERGARA, DISTRICT 7, TO THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UNDER RULE 32 OF THE RTM RULES TO REGULATE. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED.

The Deputy Moderator advised that this item will be on the April Call for discussion.

ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL: THE MODERATOR HAS REFERRED AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY OPERATION HOPE, SPONSORED BY ERIC NEWMAN, DISTRICT 2; ALEX DURELL, DISTRICT 3; PHIL PIRES, DISTRICT 4; KAREN WACKERMAN, DISTRICT 7 AND JILL VERGARA, DISTRICT 7; TO THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE UNDER RULE 32 OF THE RTM RULES TO REGULATE. A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE IS ATTACHED.

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The Deputy Moderator advised that the L&A Committee postponed discussion of this item until its next meeting which follows tonight's meeting.

Jill Vergara, District 7 advised that Kerry Berchem should be added as a sponsor to both ordinances regarding Tax Abatement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, CMC, MCTC
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Frances Daly

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting
Osborne Hill
March 19, 2018
Minutes

1. Call to order

Meeting Called to Order at 8:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members	Present/Absent
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	Present
Jay Wolk, District 5	Present
Margaret Horton, District 9	Present
Steve M. Berecz, District 3	Present
Alice Kelly, District 4	Present
Brian Farnen, District 9	Present
Peter Tallman, District 8	Present
Christine Messina, District 8	Present

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Representative Tallman moved; seconded by Representative Messina; passed unanimously. The minutes have been approved unanimously.

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	In favor
Jay Wolk, District 5	In favor
Margaret Horton, District 9	In favor
Steve M. Berecz, District 3	In favor
Alice Kelly, District 4	In favor
Brian Farnen, District 9	In favor
Peter Tallman, District 8	In favor
Christine Messina, District 8	In favor

4. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Special Projects Standing Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Rodney J. Van Deusen, Jr. (R), 157 Longdean Road
(To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Giaquinto)

Representative McDermott moved; seconded by Representative Kelly; motion passed unanimously.

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	In favor
Jay Wolk, District 5	In favor
Margaret Horton, District 9	In favor
Steve M. Berecz, District 3	In favor
Alice Kelly, District 4	In favor
Brian Farnen, District 9	In favor
Peter Tallman, District 8	In favor
Christine Messina, District 8	In favor

5. To hear, consider, and act upon a resolution to enable the Town of Fairfield to participate in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program (see Sustainable CT resolution).

Representative Farnen moved; seconded by Representative Messina; motion passed unanimously.

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	In favor
Jay Wolk, District 5	In favor
Margaret Horton, District 9	In favor
Steve M. Berecz, District 3	In favor
Alice Kelly, District 4	In favor
Brian Farnen, District 9	In favor
Peter Tallman, District 8	In favor
Christine Messina, District 8	In favor

6. To consider and act upon an Ordinance Establishing a Housing Trust Fund, sponsored by Edward Bateson, District 1; Heather Dean, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Josh Garskof, District 5; Karen Wackerman, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Pamela Iacono, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10.

Representative McDermott moved; seconded by Representative Kelly; motion passed unanimously.

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	In favor
Jay Wolk, District 5	In favor
Margaret Horton, District 9	In favor
Steve M. Berecz, District 3	In favor
Alice Kelly, District 4	In favor
Brian Farnen, District 9	In favor
Peter Tallman, District 8	In favor
Christine Messina, District 8	In favor

Discussion:

7. The Moderator has referred amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 95-7 to Section 97-15.4 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee: Cynthia Perham, District 2; Mark McDermott, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Peter Tallman, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10, to the Legislation and Administration Committee under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

8. The Moderator has referred an Ordinance Regarding Tax Abatement for Low or Moderate Income Housing, sponsored by Eric Newman, District 2; Alex Durrell, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Karen Wackerman, District 7; and Jill Vergara, District 7, to the Legislation and Administration Committee under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

9 The Moderator has referred an Ordinance Regarding Tax Abatement for Property Owned by Operation Hope, sponsored by Eric Newman, District 2; Alex Durrell, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Karen Wackerman, District 7; and Jill Vergara, District 7, to the Legislation and Administration Committee under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

11.Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Representative Wolk; seconded by Representative Horton. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Horton
Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee
March , 2018



RTM Finance Committee Meeting
BOE 2nd Floor Conference Room,
501 Kings Hwy East
March 19, 2018
Minutes

1. Call to order

Representative Newman called the meeting to order at 8:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Bove conducted a roll call. Members Present: Eric Newman, District 2; Erin Lopez, District 2; Lauren Bove, District 7; Joe Siebert, District 5; Matt Jacobs, District 3, Alex Durrell, District 3.

Members Absent: Peter Ambrose, District 1; Michael Herley, District 10.

Others Present: None

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Representative Lopez moved; seconded by Representative Siebert. The minutes have been approved unanimously.

4. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Special Projects Standing Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Rodney J. Van Deusen, Jr. (R), 157 Longdean Road
(To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Giaquinto)

Representative Bove moved; seconded by Representative Jacobs. The motion passed unanimously.

5. To hear, consider, and act upon a resolution to enable the Town of Fairfield to participate in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program (see Sustainable CT resolution).

Representative Durrell moved; seconded by Representative Lopez. The motion passed unanimously.

6. To consider and act upon an Ordinance Establishing a Housing Trust Fund,
sponsored by Edward Bateson, District 1; Heather Dean, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4;
Josh Garskof, District 5; Karen Wackerman, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Pamela
Iacono, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10.

Representative Bove moved; seconded by Representative Lopez. The motion passed
unanimously.

7. New Business

None to report.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Representative Newman, seconded by Representative Siebert.
Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lauren Bove
Secretary, Finance Committee
March 19, 2018

Legislative and Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2018

I. Call to order

Mr. Josh Garskof, Chairman, moved and Mr. Bill Gerber, Vice Chairman, seconded a call to order of a meeting (the “*Meeting*”) of the Legislative and Administrative Committee (the “*Committee*”) of the Fairfield Representative Town Meeting (the “*RTM*”) at approximately 8:40 p.m. on March 19, 2018 at Osborne Hill School, Fairfield, Connecticut.

II. Roll call

The following members of the Committee were present: Kerry Berchem, Josh Garskof, Bill Gerber, Phil Pires, Jill Vergara and Karen Wackerman.

III. Minutes

Mr. Garskof moved to approve the minutes of the Committee’s February 26, 2018 meeting (the “*Minutes*”) and Mr. Gerber seconded, and the motion to approve the Minutes was approved unanimously.

IV. Items on Call

Item 5. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Special Projects Standing Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Rodney J. Van Deusen, Jr. (R), 157 Longdean Road (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Giaquinto)

Mr. Pires moved to approve, Ms. Wackerman seconded, and the motion identified on the Call as Item 5 was approved by all in attendance.

Item 6. To hear, consider, and act upon a resolution to enable the Town of Fairfield to participate in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program (see Sustainable CT resolution).

Ms. Wackerman moved to approve, Ms. Vergara seconded, and the motion identified on the Call as Item 6 was approved by all in attendance.

Item 7. To consider and act upon an Ordinance Establishing a Housing Trust Fund, sponsored by Edward Bateson, District 1; Heather Dean, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Josh Garskof, District 5; Karen Wackerman, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Pamela Iacono, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10.

Ms. Vergara moved to approve, Mr. Gerber seconded, and the motion identified on the Call as Item 7 was approved by all in attendance.

Item 8. The Moderator has referred amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 95-7 to Section 97-15.4 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee: Cynthia Perham, District 2; Mark McDermott, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Peter Tallman, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10, to the Legislation and Administration Committee under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

Ms. Vergara led a discussion on the amendments and provided background and reasoning for certain of the amendments. After discussion, Ms. Vergara moved to approve, Mr. Pires seconded, and the motion identified on the Call as Item 8 was approved by all in attendance.

Item 9. The Moderator has referred an Ordinance Regarding Tax Abatement for Low or Moderate Income Housing, sponsored by Eric Newman, District 2; Alex Durrell, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Karen Wackerman, District 7; and Jill Vergara, District 7, to the Legislation and Administration Committee under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate.

Mr. Pires led a discussion and Ms. Berchem made certain suggested drafting changes to the draft Ordinance, a copy of which was distributed to the members of the Committee and is attached hereto ((the “revised draft Ordinance”). Mr. Pires moved to approve and recommend to the RTM the revised draft Ordinance, Mr. Gerber seconded, and the motion was approved by all in attendance.

Item 10. The Moderator has referred an Ordinance Regarding Tax Abatement for Property Owned by Operation Hope, sponsored by Eric Newman, District 2; Alex Durrell, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Karen Wackerman, District 7; and Jill Vergara, District 7, to the Legislation and Administration Committee under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate.

A discussion on the proposed Item 10 ensued and a vote upon Item 10 was deferred until a later date pending additional information.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Garskof moved and Mr. Gerber seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m. The motion was approved by all in attendance.

Minutes submitted by: Kerry E. Berchem, Secretary

Fairfield, CT RTM
Public Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes- 3/19/2018

1) Call to Order- Rep, Ruth Smey, Chair

- i) The meeting of the Fairfield PH &S committee held at the BOE Education Center was called to order by the chair at 8:33 PM.

2) Roll Call

- i) Chairman Smey asked Secretary Gale to call the roll: The following members were present: : Heather Dean, Cindy Perham, Samuel Cargill, Dorene Herron, Hannah Gale, Ruth Smey. Absent: Nancy Lefkowitz and Frank O'Reilly

3) Items on the Call

- a) Item #5: To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Special Projects Standing Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Rodney J. Van Deusen, Jr. (R), 157 Longdean Road (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Giaquinto).

Motion to approve: made by Rep. Heather Dean and seconded by Rep. Cindy Perham. Heather raised a question as to make up of committee, which was clarified. Motion passed unanimously

- b) Item #6: To hear, consider, and act upon a resolution to enable the Town of Fairfield to participate in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program (see Sustainable CT resolution). Motion to approve: made by Rep. Heather Dean and seconded by Rep. Sam Cargill. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Item #7: To consider and act upon an Ordinance Establishing a Housing Trust Fund, sponsored by Edward Bateson, District 1; Heather Dean, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Josh Garskof, District 5; Karen Wackerman, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Pamela Iacono, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10. Motion to approve: made by Rep. Heather Dean and seconded by Rep. Sam Cargill. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) The Chair asked if there were any other matters to discuss and there were none.
- 5) Motion to adjourn 8:38 from Heather Dean which was seconded by Sam Cargill. Meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Submitted by Hannah Gale, Secretary for Committee for Public Health and Safety.

Public Works & Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes-March 19, 2018

I. Call to order

Sharon Pistilli moved and Marcy Spolyar seconded to call to order the regular meeting of the RTM's Public Works & Planning Committee at 8:34PM on Monday, March 19, 2018, at Osborn Hill School.

II. Roll call

Secretary Marcy Spolyar conducted a roll call. The following members were present (5): Sharon Pistilli, Marcy Spolyar, Lisa Havey, Frank Petise and Keith Varian. The following members were absent (3): Dru Georgiadis, Eric Sundman and Matt Ambrose.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the February 20, 2018 Public Works & Planning Committee were approved unanimously.

IV. Items on the Call

- A. Item # 5 on the call** To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Special Projects Standing Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Rodney J. Van Deusen, Jr. (R), 157 Longdean Road (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Giaquinto)
Moved by M. Spolyar, seconded by K. Varian. Item passed unanimously.
- B. Item #6 on the call** To hear, consider, and act upon a resolution to enable the Town of Fairfield to participate in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program (see Sustainable CT resolution).
Moved by K. Varian, seconded by F. Petise. Item passed unanimously.
- C. Item #7 on the call** To consider and act upon an Ordinance Establishing a Housing Trust Fund, sponsored by Edward Bateson, District 1; Heather Dean, District 3; Phil Pires, District 4; Josh Garskof, District 5; Karen Wackerman, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Pamela Iacono, District 8; and Michael Herley, District 10.
Moved by K. Varian, seconded by L. Havey. Item passed unanimously.

V. New business

None to report

VI. Adjournment

K. Varian moved and L. Havey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marcy Spolyar

Secretary, Public Works & Planning Committee

Date: 3/19/18