

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2019

VOTE: The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote. (M. Ambrose was absent for this 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 RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$581,755 FOR THE COST OF A CERTAIN NONRECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS APPROVED.”

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

VOTE: The 10-year bonding resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote. (M. Ambrose was absent for this 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 RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$915,000 FOR THE COST OF A CERTAIN NONRECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

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

VOTE: The 15-year bonding resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote. (M. Ambrose was absent for this vote.)

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “RESOLVED THAT THE BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,240,000 COST OF A CERTAIN NONRECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

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

VOTE: The 20-year bonding resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote. (M. Ambrose was absent for this vote.)

ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE; “WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO C.G.S. SECTION 4-66g, THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DECD) IS AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND WHEREAS, IT IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD UNDERTAKE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STRATFIELD VILLAGE BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$750,000, \$650,000 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH DECD’S URBAN GRANT PROGRAM AND \$100,000 TO BE FUNDED BY THE TOWN; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT MICHAEL C. TETREAU, FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, IS DULY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD WITH THE CONNECTICUT

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING SUCH GRANT FUNDING; AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT, TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT, TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RECISSIONS, AND REVISIONS THERETO, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.”

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved to waive the reading of the item, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

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

Jay Wolk, District 5 stated that for many years this intersection in his neighborhood, has been unsafe. He noted that the proposed will only add to the traffic. He thanked the First Selectman and Town Bodies for their support.

VOTE: The grant was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL:

TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “WHEREAS, IT IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD UNDERTAKE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOUTHPORT/POST ROAD BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$460,000, \$360,000 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY GRANT PROGRAM (CGGP) AND \$100,000 TO BE FUNDED BY THE TOWN (STATE PROJECT NO. 0710-3513);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT MICHAEL C. TETREAU, FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, IS DULY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING SAID GRANT FUNDING; AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT, TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT, TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RECISSIONS AND REVISIONS THERETO, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.”

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved to waive reading of the item, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Michael Herley, District 10, moved this item as distributed with the call, duly seconded.

VOTE: The grant was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL:

TO HEAR AND CONSIDER FOR THE FIRST TIME AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOVERY OF COSTS RELATED TO PROPERTIES WITH BREACHES OF THE PEACE, PUBLIC DISTURBANCES AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT, SECTION 61-1 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, SPONSORED BY BRIAN FARNEN, DISTRICT 9, DRU GEORGIADIS, DISTRICT 9, AND MARGARET HORTON, DISTRICT 9.

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Moderator Pires advised that the amendments will be voted upon at the March meeting.

ITEM NO. 11 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON 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.

Jill Vergara, District 7 moved to postpone the item to the March 25, 2019 meeting, duly seconded, as the Board of Finance had not reviewed the item.

Michael Herley, District 10 and committee member agreed it was a good idea to postpone the ordinance at this time. The committee has done a lot hard work and research and the Board of Finance had a lot of thorough questions as well. He hopes the Board of Finance leadership and the RTM leadership will meet to discuss the ordinance.

Ms. Vergara agreed with Mr. Herley that the two bodies should work together on this and urged the Board of Finance to take this matter up or else there will be no increased benefit for seniors until 2021.

Pamela Iacono, District 8 asked for clarification of postponement to the March meeting rather than withdrawal. Moderator Pires explained the item can only be postponed until the next meeting under Roberts Rules. Ms. Iacono indicated that procedurally if the Board of Finance has recommendations it would have to go back to the L&A committee. Since the Board of Finance is heading into budget meetings we will have to postpone each month.

Ms. Vergara noted that she had reached out to the Board of Finance chair and is waiting for his response. In 1986 the RTM postponed the vote and the Board of Finance accomplished this in one month. It is a complicated matter because it needs the Board of Finance recommendation although a legislative issue. Mr. Herley concurred there is a lot of back and forth and reiterated the willingness of RTM leadership to meet with the Board of Finance chair and layout a plan going forward.

VOTE: Motion to postpone the ordinance to the March 25, 2019 meeting was approved 36-0-1 (Herron abstained).

NEW BUSINESS:

Jay Wolk, District 5, wished Police Chief Lyddy a Happy Birthday on behalf of the Body.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Frances Daly