



RTM MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 2019

**VOTE:** This item 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:

“WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (THE ‘TOWN’) HAS ADOPTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY A RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING A RESOLUTION ENTITLED “A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,088,000 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF BERM AND PUMPING STATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION” TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION TO \$7,419,265’ (THE ‘AMENDED RESOLUTION’); AND

WHEREAS, THE AMENDED RESOLUTION APPROPRIATED \$7,419,265 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BERM AND PUMPING STATION TO PROTECT THE FAIRFIELD WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, THE ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY, THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER AND THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT WORKSHOP (THE ‘PROJECT’) AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (THE ‘BONDS’); AND

WHEREAS, WHILE THE TOWN IS LIABLE FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS, FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS (THE ‘COSTS’) BE ALLOCATED BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND AND THE FUNDS OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (THE ‘AUTHORITY’); AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN’S WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT NOT PAID FROM GRANT PROCEEDS; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN HAS DETERMINED THAT IS APPROPRIATE THAT \$385,000 OF THE COSTS BE PAID FROM THE TOWN’S GENERAL FUND.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT ALL COSTS OF THE PROJECT NOT PAID FROM GRANT PROCEEDS SHALL BE PAID FROM FUNDS OF THE AUTHORITY EXCEPT FOR \$385,000 OF THE COSTS WHICH SHALL BE PAID FROM THE TOWN’S GENERAL FUND.”

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved to waive the reading of this item, duly seconded.

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

**VOTE:** This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY:

“RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD SELL A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 135 PINE CREEK AVENUE TO 123 PINE CREEK ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR THE SUM OF \$66,000 AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH IN A REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID PARTIES, AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GRACE RICHARDSON TRUST FUND.”

Lauren Bove, District 7, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

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Karen Wackerman, District 7, moved to correct the name of the fund into which the proceeds will be deposited to the "H. Smith Richardson Trust Fund", duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion to amend this item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**VOTE:** This item, as amended, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION:

"RESOLVED, THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REQUEST FROM THE TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION, THE DONATION OF 3.66 ACRES AT 1150 WESTPORT TURNPIKE FROM ASPETUCK FARMS 1, LLC, BE, AND HEREBY IS, ACCEPTED."

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A REQUEST FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO APPROVE TRANSFERS AS OF JUNE 30, 2019:

RESERVE FOR FUTURE USES:

INCREASE:	CHANGE IN MARKET VALUATION REVENUE	\$1,400,000	01084-44005
INCREASE:	BUILDING PERMIT REVENUE	\$ 700,000	01005-42112
INCREASE:	PILOT PROGRAM NON-PROFIT	\$ 600,000	01082-41196
INCREASE:	TRANSFERS OUT-DEBT SVC	\$2,700,000	01010030-58950

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** This item was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

"RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, BY ITS FIRST SELECTMAN, IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A TEN-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT TO RENT PREMISES LOCATED AT 3400 FAIRIFELD AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND OPERATIONS."

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

Bill Gerber, District 2, thanked Angelus Papageorge, Executive Director of Operations for Fairfield Public Schools, for being responsive his request for information. Mr. Gerber asked if there were any advantages to staying in the Meadow Street Facility. Attorney Lesser responded there were no advantages.

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Pamela Iacono, District 8, read a statement from the Board of Finance into the record.

The Fairfield Board of Finance Republican Caucus announces that after due deliberation by its Caucus it unanimously supports the Board of Education's proposed lease of premises located 3400 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut comprised of 12,316 square feet.

Further, it also unanimously supports expending approximately \$141,768 from the Town budget for the anticipated move costs needed to prepare the new space and move the maintenance facility (418 Meadow Street, Fairfield, CT); transportation department (Richard White Way) and central storage areas to the new location.

While these costs might normally be spent from the BOE Budgeted funds, the Republican Caucus believes that because of the late notice to the BOE, these funds were not properly contained in their budget. Further, the costs savings detailed in a memorandum by Angelus Papageorge, Executive Director of Operations, of the Fairfield Public Schools, dated October 3, 2019, makes it clear that the taxpayers in Fairfield will save many times this expenditure over the years by making this wise and well-reasoned plan, that will centralize these three (3) departments into this one location for a square footage cost well below the existing lease.

We would like to thank Superintendent, Michael Cummings, Executive Director of Operations Angelus Papageorge, the Board of Education and any others involved for finding this opportunity. We are requesting the Representative Town Meeting to approve this matter on their agenda this evening.

Our Republican Caucus is taking this unusual move to announce our unanimous support of this matter in order to show the RTM our support of this agenda item and to also correct misleading statements being portrayed in social media of late that our Republican Caucus might vote against such a great project. As stated, we stand in full support of approving the lease and expending Town funds to accomplish the renovation of the building and associated move costs.

Thomas M. Flynn, Chairman  
James B. Brown, Vice Chairman  
Mary LeClerc, Secretary  
Christopher DeWitt  
James F. Walsh  
David Becker

**VOTE:** This item was approved by voice vote with 33 in favor and 1 opposed (Smey).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Moderator noted that Nancy Lefkowitz, Bonnie Rotelli, Ruth Smey, Steve Berecz, Dorene Herron, Samuel Cargill, Michael Herley, and Eric Sundman were not running for reelection and thanked them for their service. Mr. Pires also thanked the Body for allowing him to serve as Moderator for the past 2 years. He received a round of applause.

Steve Berecz, District 6, recognized the Fairfield Warde Boys Hockey Team.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, CMC, MCTC  
Town Clerk

Recorded by: Frances Daly