

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8 PM at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield.

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Moderator Karen Wackerman

PRESENT: 39 ABSENT: 1 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Chessare, Mahoney, Monahan, O'Shea, Gerber, McCormack, Perham, Steele, Jacobs, Nickel, Pistilli, Karson, Kelly, Odinak, Spolyar, Garskof, Gottlieb, Siebert, Wolk, Ambrose, Gale, Havey, Powell-Dunmore, Bove, McDermott, Vergara, Wackerman, Ference, Iacono, Messina, Tallman, Farnen, Georgiadis, Kelly, Perugini, Alianiello, Altobelli, Petise, Ringel

ABSENT: Durrell

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

Moderator Wackerman led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The Moderator reported that items numbered 7 & 8 were eligible for the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Items 7 and 8 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: REAPPOINTMENT OF ADAM KLYVER (R), TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION TERM NOV. 2019 – 2024

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

Julie Gottlieb, District 5 indicated that the Democratic caucus will support the appointments tonight, but going forward want information on the political makeup of the membership, the application and bio of the appointee. Pamela Iacono, District 8 noted that the Republican caucus shared the same sentiment but noted that past practice for reappointments a questionnaire has not been provided.

VOTE: The reappointment of Adam Klyver was unanimously approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PAGNOZZI (R), TO THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION TERM NOV. 2019 - 2023

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

VOTE: The reappointment of Joseph Pagnozzi to the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG VANSTEENBERGEN (R), TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION TERM JULY 2019-2021

Julie Gottlieb, District 5 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

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VOTE: The appointment of Craig VanSteenbergen to the Ethics Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:
“RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MAY ENTER INTO WITH AND DELIVER TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE; AND
FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT FIRST SELECTWOMAN BRENDA L. KUPCHICK OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, ITS BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FAIRFIELD REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING, AND TO DO AND PERFORM ALL ACTS AND THINGS WHICH SHE DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXECUTING AND DELIVERING ALL AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS CONTEMPLATED BY SUCH DOCUMENTS.”

This item was on the Consent Calendar

ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE:
“WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD TO EXPEND A TOTAL OF \$121,242 OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD ON LIGHTING, ELECTRONICS AND SOFTWARE FOR US COAST GUARD INTEROPERABILITY, HAZMAT DETECTION, AND ENGINE REPLACEMENT FOR THE FIREBOAT “MARINE 228,” \$90,931.50 OF SAID PROJECT COSTS TO BE FUNDED BY A GRANT AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY’S (DHS) FY2019 PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) (#EMW-2019-PU-00101-S01) AND A TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MATCH FROM THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (\$30,310.50);
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT FIRST SELECTWOMAN BRENDA L. KUPCHICK BE, AND HEREBY IS, AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT IN THE NAME OF AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PORT SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,931.50; AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SAID GRANT, AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT \$121,242 IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO FUND SAID PROJECT COSTS.”

This item was on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Moderator reminded the Body of its obligations regarding ethics, standards of conduct and conflicts of interest.

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Jeff Steele, District 2 invited the members to a Roberts Rules of Order workshop that he will present on January 25.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk