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**WARNING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
AND RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Fairfield will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 8:00 P.M., at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT, for the following purposes:

1. Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of Silence
2. To consider and act upon the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2020.
3. To receive a report from the First Selectwoman or her designee regarding the recovery of costs related to properties with breaches of the peace, public disturbances and disorderly conduct.
4. To hear a report from the Affordable Housing Committee.
5. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the FairTV Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Alexander Vishno (R), 61 Hemlock Hill North, Term July 2019 - 2022
(To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Kathryn L. Braun)

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield be, and hereby is, empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, a contract, and any amendments thereof, with the Connecticut Department of Public Health for a \$45,885 (approximately \$15,295 per year of this three-year contract) Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant for Policy and Environmental Change for Chronic Disease Prevention for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.”

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7. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield be, and hereby is, empowered to execute, authorize and approve on behalf of the Town of Fairfield, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the Connecticut Region 1 Essential Support Function 8 (ESF8) Public Health Preparedness/Medical Reserve Corp Grant fiduciary organization with regard to the CDC 2019-2024 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement with a grant funding period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. Funding shall be for \$47,762 per year for each of five years or as amended by the CDC, State of Connecticut or the Region 1 ESF 8 Public Health Preparedness/Medical Reserve Corps Grant fiduciary organization and shall cover the cost to support Fairfield's continued public health emergency preparedness and response efforts and Medical Reserve Corps Activities. All costs are 100% reimbursable from the CDC 2019-2024 PHEP Cooperative Agreement via the State of Connecticut and the CT Region 1 ESF8 Fiduciary Organization.”

8. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the Bond Resolution entitled, ‘Resolution Authorizing Appropriation of Twenty-two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) to Refund Certain of the Town’s Outstanding Bonds and Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds to Finance such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

9. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the 10 Year Bond Resolution entitled, ‘A Resolution Appropriating \$600,000 for the Costs of Certain Non-recurring Capital Projects and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

10. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the 20 Year Bond Resolution entitled, ‘A Resolution Appropriating \$3,214,000 for the Costs of Certain Non-recurring Capital Projects and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

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11. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Board of Education of the Town of Fairfield to apply to the Connecticut Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Osborn Hill Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project at Osborn Hill Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Osborn Hill Elementary School Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project at Osborn Hill Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Osborn Hill Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project at Osborn Hill Elementary School.”

12. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that the Bond Resolution entitled, ‘Resolution Appropriating \$1,409,046 for the Costs Of Replacing a Portion of the Roof at Osborn Hill Elementary School and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

13. 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 \$1,500,000 for the Costs of Installing an Air Conditioning System in the Cafeteria at Fairfield Warde High School and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

14. To hear a report from the Education & Recreation Committee.

15. To consider and act upon the following amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 95-8 to Section 95-15 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee:

§ 95-8 Conditions for eligibility.

C. The applicant shall be entitled to tax relief if all the following conditions are met:

(5) Such persons shall have individually, if unmarried, or jointly, if married, qualifying income in an amount not to exceed limits described below for each program for the tax year ending immediately preceding the application for tax relief benefits. "Qualifying income" is defined as adjusted gross income, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as may be amended from time to time, plus the nontaxable portion of any social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, any tax shelter losses, income from other tax-exempt retirements and annuity sources and income from tax-exempt bonds and any other income not includable in adjusted gross income. Unreimbursed gross medical and dental expenses shall be deducted from income in calculating the applicant's Qualifying Income, as long as such unreimbursed gross medical and dental expenses are included on the applicant's federal income tax return of the calendar year immediately preceding the year of application as an itemized deduction and qualify as a medical deduction under Section 213(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as may be amended.

§ 95-15 Tax relief programs.

B. Tax deferral. Any taxpayer age 75 or older at the end of the preceding calendar year and meeting the eligibility requirements of § **95-8** and having qualifying income not exceeding \$80,000 may elect to apply for a deferral of up to 50% of the gross tax levied on applicable property each year in which the taxpayer, or his surviving spouse, continues to meet such eligibility requirements, subject to the following:

(1) The recipient shall enter into a written agreement with the Town providing for reimbursement, which shall be recorded in the land records of the Town and shall constitute a lien on the property payable upon death or conveyance.

(2) All deferral benefits plus interest shall be reimbursed to the Town: a) one year after the recipient's death, unless the recipient's surviving spouse applies for benefits under this program and also qualifies under § **95-8**; b) upon conveyance of the real property subject to taxation; or c) one year after the property is no longer the recipient's primary residence.

(3) All benefits shall be subject to an interest charge at the greater of the annual percentage rate of 3% or the rate on ten-year United States Treasury Notes. The rate for the purposes of this subsection shall be set by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town of Fairfield on January 31 in each calendar year or, if such day is a day on which the fiscal office of the Town of Fairfield is not open, on the next prior day on which it is open. Such rate shall be effective for the following year. Such interest shall be simple interest, not compounded, and shall accrue from the date of deferral until the date of repayment.

(4) Total deferments, including accrued interest, for all years shall not exceed 70% of the most recent assessed value of the real property.

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(5) The qualifying income threshold of \$80,000 for the tax deferral program indicated in § 95-15B above shall be adjusted in the same manner as described in § 95-15C(2) with respect to the tax credit program.

(6) If a decrease in the mill rate lowers the normal tax bill below the original deferral base, the applicant will pay the normal tax. When the normal tax bill exceeds the original deferral base, the applicant will pay the original deferral base.

(7) Taxpayers between the age 65 and 75 who had participated in the tax deferral option as of the 2012 Grand List may reapply for their original deferral base (deferring tax above that base), provided their qualifying income for the preceding year did not exceed \$80,000.

16. To consider and act upon any other matters presented to said meeting and which may be properly acted upon under the rules of the Representative Town Meeting.

February 10, 2020

Elizabeth P. Browne
Town Clerk