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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, January 27, 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 hear an address on the State of the Town by the First Selectwoman.
3. To receive the report from the First Selectwoman or her designee on leases of Town properties.
4. To hear a report from the Blight Officer concerning condemnation and blight.
5. To consider and act upon the Minutes of the Annual Organizational Meeting held on December 9, 2019, and the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2019.
6. To hear a presentation regarding the function of the Harbor Management Commission.
7. To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointment to the Harbor Management Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Kim Taylor (D), 44 Craig Place, Term Nov. 2019 - 2023

8. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments to the Harbor Management Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Samuel Whitney Cargill (R), 144 Westway Road, Term Nov. 2019 - 2023

Eric G. Sundman (R), 51 French Street, Term Nov. 2019 - 2023

Jacob M. Herschler (D), 1226 Pequot Avenue, Term Nov. 2019 - 2023

9. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment of an Alternate to the Harbor Management Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

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Elizabeth M. Tritschler (R), 271 Westway Road, Term Nov. 2019 - 2021
(To fill probable vacancy for Jacob M. Herschler who is moving to a “full” position)

10. To hear, consider and act upon a resolution adopting the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) FY20 Regional Performance Incentive Program:

“WHEREAS, Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes provides statewide incentive grants to Regional Council of Governments for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects in the Greater Bridgeport Region; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2019, the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments submitted a grant application to the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management’s Regional Performance Incentive Program for a Regional Electronic Content Management system; and

WHEREAS, a phase of the Regional Electronic Content Management system is currently being implemented in member municipalities and will build upon this implementation by including additional internal work flows and providing high volume scanning and indexing services of historic documents; and

WHEREAS, this service will increase public accessibility and transparency, reduce reliance on paper documents, and create digital records that can last in perpetuity, and thus will reduce local costs; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Elected Officials of the Greater Bridgeport Region have supported the Regional Electronic Content Management system included in the application package, as it will benefit each municipality and the Region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfield has expressed an interest in taking part in the project proposal entitled:

1. Regional Electronic Content Management system

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Fairfield hereby approves and endorses the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Application by the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments, and authorizes First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the Town’s participation in the program.”

11. To hear and consider for the first time 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.

12. 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.

January 13, 2020

Elizabeth P. Browne
Town Clerk