

**ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL:** PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FUNCTION OF THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION.

## REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

January 27, 2020

This item was heard in committee.

**ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL:** 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.

This item was on the Consent Calendar.

**ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS 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 2019 - 2023.

This item was on the Consent Calendar.

**ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN: ELIZABETH M. TRITSCHLER (R), 271 WESTWAY ROAD, TERM NOV. 2019 - 2023

Ms. Tritschler was present and gave a brief overview of her qualifications and interest in the position.

**VOTE:** The appointment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL:** 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

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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 SELECT-WOMAN BRENDA L. KUPCHICK TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ALLOW FOR THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM."

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved to waive the reading of the item, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote.

IT Director Dave Kelley advised that MetroCOG had approached the Town approximately a year ago with a proposal to develop an online permitting system. The Town had been using "homegrown" software for approximately 20 years. A survey of other vendors showed that there are permitting software systems already available which are less expensive than MetroCOG's. MetroCOG offered a LaserFiche system for document storage using the "cloud", however Mr. Kelley stated that such a system has been used by the Town Clerk for 10 years. Mr. Kelley did recommend adoption of this resolution as it could lead to a software solution without a financial commitment on the part of the Town.

Sharon Pistilli, District 3, asked Mr. Kelley to explain where a LaserFiche program would be useful and how long it would take to implement. Mr. Kelley replied that one area could be in contract management for the Town. Ms. Pistilli asked the Town Clerk could answer how long her department has used Laser Fiche. Betsy Browne, Town Clerk answered that her office has used it for about ten years to store maps, meeting minutes and other documents and is very easy to use. Mr. Kelley said that the difference is this grant could allow for utilizing "cloud" storage, which would allow for greater ability to store documents.

Elizabeth Altobelli, District 10, asked what the time frame for "RFP" (Request for Proposal) is for this system. Mr. Kelley advised that there has been a committee made up of various Town department heads who have been going over the requirements for this system for more than a year. It is hoped that it will be ready to go out to bid shortly.

Joe Siebert, District 5, asked what the learning curve would be for using a LaserFiche system. Mr. Kelley replied there is no learning curve and that the Building Department is already scanning older documents by both address and permit number.

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Lauren Bove, District 7 clarified that the vote on this item was not about accepting the grant.

**MOTION:** Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved to approve this resolution, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** This item was approved by a vote of 34 in favor and one abstention (Alianiello)

**ITEM NO. 11 ON CALL:** 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.

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(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.

(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.

Pamela Iacono, District 8, moved to waive the reading of this item, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Jill Vergara, District 7, advised that the Town Attorney has spoken to the Town Assessor who will apply the new formulas retroactively should this item be approved in the future. She said the item will be considered this month and voted on next month.

Ms. Iacono, asked if Ms. Vergara would be proposing an amendment to which Ms. Vergara replied she was not.

### **ITEM NO. 12 ON CALL:**

“RESOLVED THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 95-15.4 OF THE TOWN CODE, WHICH PROVIDES: ‘AT ITS FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IN JANUARY 2020, THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING SHALL CONVENE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 95, TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS’ SUCH SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS HEREBY CONVENED, AND THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS DIRECTED TO POPULATE SUCH SPECIAL COMMITTEE.”

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

**VOTE:** This item was approved by a vote of 28 in favor and 7 abstentions (Monahan, McCormack, Durrell, Ference, Iacono, Petise, Ringel.)

The Moderator called a recess at 8:50 for the SLMC to meet to populate the Committee. The meeting reconvened at 8:53.

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Ms. Vergara announced the following members of the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee: Mark McDermott, Cindy Perham, Marcy Spolyar and Jill Vergara. She stated that there would be three seats for Republicans once the Board of Finance has submitted its recommendations.

Bill Perugini announced that the Fairfield Emergency Response Team is now recruiting members and training will start March 7<sup>th</sup>. They were a huge help in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, and he urged his fellow members and the members of the public present to join.

Lauren Bove, noted that beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, stores in Fairfield would be prohibited from giving customers single-use plastic checkout bags, 18 months before the State law takes effect.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC  
Town Clerk

Recorded by:

Frances Daly

FIRST SELECTWOMAN  
**Brenda L. Kupchick**



State of the Town

January 27, 2020

Members of the RTM, Distinguished Guests, and my Fellow Citizens:

Every year, as called for by our Town Charter, we gather to receive a report on the State of our Town. We reflect upon our accomplishments and our challenges, as we seek to set a course for the future.

As I deliver my first state of the town address, I am reminded of the people who held this office before me – both Republican and Democrat. I am reminded of two people in particular: John Sullivan and Jacky Durrell.

John and Jacky were in different political parties and led our Town for a combined total of 34 years. Two people who helped guide and successfully lead our Town for one third of a century – and there is clear reason. John Sullivan and Jacky Durrell were not guided by their politics, but rather by their love of Fairfield and their commitment to work every day for the residents of our community.

One thing I have learned at every level of my public service these last 20 years is that the people of Fairfield will always choose what is right over what is political.

In the spirit of putting Fairfield first, I must lead by example. In the first few months of my administration, I have appointed both Republicans and Democrats to serve in key positions of trust and accountability. I wish to introduce them formally to the people of Fairfield tonight.

I have named Jackie Bertolone as my Chief of Staff. Jackie brings a wealth of knowledge from her time at the state level, in the private sector, and in nonprofit management, and will be a real asset to me and the residents of Fairfield. I have named Tom Bremer as my new Chief Administrative Officer, who formerly served as Chief of Staff for First Selectman Flatto after many years in the private sector. I have retained Jennifer Carpenter, who served in both the Flatto and Tetreau administrations, as Deputy Chief of Staff.

I feel it is important to set a tone of collaboration and communication right from the start. I met with the Democrat and Republican leaders from the RTM to hear their priorities and establish a positive working relationship. In the coming months, I will continue to reach out to members of our town bodies so that we can all work together to do what is in the best interest of our community.

I would also like to note that serving on the Board of Selectmen has allowed me the opportunity to get to know Nancy Lefkowitz a lot better. Nancy clearly shares my passion



for Fairfield and my philosophy of putting policy over politics. Nancy, I know that you, Tom Flynn and I are going to do great things together over the next four years.

Since raising my hand to take the oath of office on November 25th, I have repeatedly called for a new sense of bipartisanship and decorum in our town. A look in the eye and a shake of a hand must replace communication through social media that can be mean-spirited and unproductive.

We are all Fairfielders and to me, that means, putting the best interests of our community first. We can disagree, and I am sure we will, but we can still engage in respectful dialogue and work together in the best interest of our town.

I am the First Selectwoman for every Fairfielder regardless of party affiliation.

Tonight, I will speak as I always do, honestly, plainly, and directly to the people of Fairfield. I am going to talk a little about what we have done to effect positive change since taking office just eight weeks ago, and lay out my vision for the things I hope we can accomplish together.

Government is supposed to serve the people, and our community will not have faith in our ability to stabilize taxes, grow our economy, invest in our schools and protect our quality of life, if they do not have faith in our ability to lead this Town in an honest, transparent and ethical manner.

In recent months, the reputation of our community has suffered as a result of the unfortunate events stemming from the fill pile. Please know that I am diligently working every day on this issue and will not stop until it is resolved.

Since taking office, the town has received two Notices of Violation (NOV), one from the DEEP and one from the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the fill pile. I have been working with the town's environmental attorney and the town attorney. I have four licensed environmental professionals (LEP) who visited the fill pile that I will choose from this week to submit remediation plans that meet DEEP and now EPA standards.

As soon as I have more information regarding the plans and the response from the environmental agencies, I will host a town hall meeting with those agencies and the Department of Public Health to update our community and answer your questions.

Regarding the ongoing criminal investigation, there are updates I cannot share, and I know that must be frustrating to our residents, but I am working with law enforcement to root out

corruption and fraud wherever it may exist within our town government. I know that you have many questions. More information will be released to the public this week through law enforcement.

In my administration, when an employee sees something, I have told them to say something, and I will not tolerate criminal behavior or public corruption in Fairfield's town government. And to that end, I have established an open door policy with town employees that has been welcomed and utilized.

I have communicated to all town employees that anyone with important or relevant information regarding the ongoing investigation to contact our Town Attorney so that he may properly report it to law enforcement. Our town attorney is also receiving and responding to information through the whistleblower hotline.

I am committed to working with law enforcement to bring to justice those who have compromised the health, safety and welfare of our residents, and town employees. While this overall process is taking longer than I would like, my top priority is to make sure that this issue is handled appropriately and with strict adherence to the law.

We must never again allow this to happen in our Town.

This year, I will be asking the RTM to empanel a Charter Revision Commission and begin the process of strengthening our Code of Ethics. We need tighter internal controls in many areas of our government and we need even greater accountability for those that violate the public trust.

While handling the fill pile will remain a top priority, I also want to implement my vision for Fairfield's future that was developed while listening and learning from the people of our community.

This vision includes focusing on economic development, modernizing town government and services, improving technology to make it easier for residents and businesses alike to navigate our town departments, while also investing in the infrastructure of our long neglected town buildings and roads.

My administration will be placing a renewed focus on Fairfield's Office of Economic Development. This is the face of our community when prospective businesses come to Fairfield they should experience a high level of service from a properly funded and staffed department.

Fairfield has a highly skilled workforce and two outstanding universities that continually invest in our town and breathe life into our community. Our two universities play a key role in the vibrancy of our economy and that is why it is critical that we work together.

We have a nationally ranked school system, beautiful beaches, three great libraries that offer programs for all ages, a vibrant downtown with the Fairfield Theater Company, and a soon revitalized community theater, thanks to Sacred Heart and the Kleban Family. Fairfield features a vast variety of restaurants and shops and a diverse economy, all nestled in a community that has three train stations, and easy access to both 95 and the Merritt parkway.

To grow our Grand List, the Fairfield Metro Center needs the type of mixed-use that encourages young people and working professionals to choose Fairfield while also giving options to residents who helped build our community and are looking to downsize in town.

We must focus on redevelopment opportunities along Black Rock Turnpike and Post Road that diversify the type of businesses that come here while also easing and improving traffic congestion on these two corridors.

While we grow our economy, we must also work to make government smaller and smarter. Our town has not taken full advantage of technological advancements to make government more efficient and consumer friendly.

Over the next four years, through attrition and responsible planning, my administration is committed to reducing the size of government through the elimination of waste, inefficiency and duplication.

To do this, I will be asking the Board of Education to work with me in identifying ways we can share services in the areas of Information Technology, Purchasing, Finance and Public Facilities.

At the local level, we know all too well the division between those concerned about taxes with those that want more funding for our schools. I believe these two concepts are not mutually exclusive. If our Town and our Board of Education can work together to find savings in these non-education related areas, we will reduce the burden to the taxpayer so we can make meaningful investments in the classroom that prepare our children to compete in a global economy.

The majority of my time over the last few weeks has been spent getting my arms around the town budget while meeting with department heads to go over each of their budgets. Early next week, I will conclude those meetings and will begin crafting my first budget proposal as your First Selectwoman.

One of the most glaring observations from these meetings is the consistent lack of investment in our town's buildings, most notably Old Town Hall, Independence Hall and the Bigelow Senior Center, that are in desperate need of overdue repairs. Some issues are more pressing than others, for example, the 41-year-old boiler in Independence Hall needs to be replaced and I just signed off on an emergency order to replace a 40-year-old boiler at the animal shelter that went down last week and is beyond repair.

Some buildings need an assessment and careful planning such as the foundation of Old Town Hall, which requires new support. That is why I have asked Selectman Tom Flynn to spearhead a working group of Town department heads to create a long-term Capital Plan for the town. Tom's rich financial experience will be of great benefit to our community.

This long range plan will allow town bodies and residents alike to have a better understanding about the investments we need to make in the short and long-term. I intend to have this plan completed for the next budget year so that we can have a document in place for town bodies regarding the necessary improvements to maintain and invest in our town's infrastructure and operations.

My administration is in the process of delivering on our promise to improve customer service in town government and create a user-friendly experience for residents and businesses through modernization efforts and technological improvements.

The town's IT department has been working with department heads to develop a robust system which will allow residents, contractors and businesses the ability to apply for permits online and make it easier to do business with the town.

Recently, the health department launched an online web page to look up septic systems and well information. We are immediately developing these and other changes to help bring the town into the 21st century.

These are just the highlights of the many areas in our town government that need attention and reorganization.

The next four years will bring good days and yes, tough days. I know that together we can tackle the challenges ahead and move Fairfield toward a brighter future.

I am so incredibly grateful to the people of Fairfield for entrusting me with the responsibility to lead our town for the next four years.

I am relying on those of you in this room who raised your hands and took the oath of office as elected officials, to help me do what the people of Fairfield elected me to do and lead our town in a new and positive direction.

I have a deep humility for the responsibility conferred by the trust of the people of Fairfield. I pledge to the residents of Fairfield that I will continue to wake up every morning ready to go to work for you and continue to earn the trust that you have placed in me as your First Selectwoman.

Despite the challenges ahead, I am very excited about Fairfield's future. I am so incredibly proud to be working on behalf of our amazing community.

God Bless you and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Bunda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "Bunda".

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RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting  
Osborn Hill Elementary School, 760 Stillson Road  
Fairfield, Connecticut  
January 21, 2019  
Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call made by Chairman McDermott at 9:46pm.

| <b>Members</b>                                       | <b>Present/Absent</b> |
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| <b>Mark A. McDermott (D), District 7 / Chairman</b>  | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Meredith Odinak (D), District 4 / Secretary</b>   | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Alice Kelly (D), District 4</b>                   | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Marcy Spolyar (D), District 4</b>                 | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Alex Durrell (R) , District 3</b>                 | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Brian Farnen (R), District 9</b>                  | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Peter Tallman (R), District 8 / Vice-Chairman</b> | <b>Present</b>        |
| <b>Chrissy Kelly (R), District 9</b>                 | <b>Present</b>        |

2. Meredith Odinak (D), District 4 was welcomed to the committee by Chairman McDermott as a new member replacing Representative Scott Nickel (D), District 3, who moved to another committee. Chairman McDermott made a motion to replace Representative Nickel as the Secretary with Representative Odinak , moved by Representative Durrell, seconded by Representative Spolyar. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion to approve December 9, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative A. Kelly, seconded by Representative Tallman. Motion passed unanimously.

4. To receive the report from the First Selectwoman or her designee on leases of Town properties.

Discussion:

Child's Garden possibility of utilizing land for public use during off hours. Need to understand what the current rules were and any liability involved.

5. To hear a report from the Blight Officer concerning condemnation and blight.

Discussion:

Comments from Meredith Odinak D4

- What can be changed to better support households who have large fines?
- Can a fund be created to help support clean up efforts for those who can not afford the maintenance in order to remediate the blight?
- Can we do collective community efforts to help clean up properties, particularly those who face barriers to blight clean-up and have accrued large fines as a result?
- Expanding the blight ordinance sounds like it would exacerbate issues for already vulnerable residents.

6. 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

Discussion: All committee members were pleased by the presentation made by Commissioners Taylor and Herschler. Most committee members did not fully understand the function of the Harbor Management Commission.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative Durrell, seconded by Representative Spolyar. Motion passed unanimously

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

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative Farnen, seconded Representative A. Kelly. Motion passed unanimously

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: RTM WARNING JANUARY 27, 2020 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)

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative Durrell, seconded by Representative Spolyar. Motion passed unanimously

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."

Discussion: Some members support us approving use of a free service and future expansion in the future, while others would like to hear thoughts from the Town's IT Director.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative Spolyar, seconded by Representative Odinak. Motion split 4 - 0 - 4.

| <b>Members</b>                           | <b>Vote</b>      |
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| <b>Mark A. McDermott (D), District 7</b> | <b>In favor</b>  |
| <b>Scott Nickel (D), District 3</b>      | <b>In favor</b>  |
| <b>Alice Kelly (D), District 4</b>       | <b>In favor</b>  |
| <b>Marcy Spolyar (D), District 4</b>     | <b>In favor</b>  |
| <b>Alex Durrell (R) , District 3</b>     | <b>Abstained</b> |
| <b>Brian Farnen (R), District 9</b>      | <b>Abstained</b> |
| <b>Peter Tallman (R), District 8</b>     | <b>Abstained</b> |
| <b>Chrissy Kelly (R), District 9</b>     | <b>Abstained</b> |

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:

Discussion: Committee members support suspending the RTM Rules to Regulate and hold a vote on the ordinance at the full RTM Meeting on Monday January 27, 2020.

12. Other business: All members congratulated Representative Farnen on winning the election for State Representative #132, wished him well and thanked him for his years of service on the RTM and the Ed & Rec Committee.

Representative Farnen will be replaced at and Representative Tallman will be absent from the full RTM Meeting on Monday January 27, 2020.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative A. Kelly, seconded Durrell. Motion passed unanimously

**13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman McDermott, moved by Representative Farnen, seconded by Representative Tallman.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:01pm



## RTM FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

Osborn Hill

760 Stillson Road

#### 1. Call to Order

Rep. Gottlieb called the meeting to order at 9:47 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Rep. Julie Gottlieb (D5), Rep. Matt Jacobs (D3), Rep. Tameisha Powell-Dunmore (D6), Rep. Sharon Pistilli (D3), Rep. Joe Siebert (D5), Rep. Hank Ference (D8), Rep. Michael Mahoney (D1). Absent: Rep. Amy O'Shea (D1).

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve from the last meeting.

#### 4. Items on the Call

- A. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #7** on the Agenda regarding the reappointment to the Harbor Mgmt. Commission, as Recommended by the Board of Selectman: Kim Taylor (D), 44 Craig Place, Term Nov. 2019-2023. Rep. Pistilli moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.
- B. Rep. Pistilli raised **Item #8** on the agenda to hear, consider and act upon the reappointment to the Harbor Mgmt. Commission, as Recommended by the Board of Selectmen:
  - Samuel Whitney Cargill (R), 144 Westway Road, Tem Nov. 2019 – 2023
  - Eric G. Sundman (R), 51 French St., Term Nov. 2019 – 2023
  - Jacob M. Herschler (D), 1226 Pequot Ave., Term 2019 – 2023Rep. Pistilli moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.
- C. Rep. Pistilli raised **Item #9** on the agenda to hear, consider and act upon the reappointment of an Alternate to the Harbor Mgmt. Commission, as Recommended by the Board of Selectmen:
  - Elizabeth M. Tritschler (R), 271 Westway Rd, Term Nov. 2019 – 2023 Hillside Road, to the Historic District Commission for the term of Nov. 2019-24. Rep. Pistilli moved to abstain the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- D. Rep. Jacobs raised **Item #10**. To hear, consider and act upon a resolution adopting the CT Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) FY20 Regional Performance Incentive Program. Approved by: Rep. Matt Jacobs (D3), Rep. Joe Siebert (D5). Abstained by: Rep. Julie Gottlieb (D5), Rep. Tameisha Powell-Dunmore (D6), Rep. Sharon Pistilli (D3), Rep. Hank Ference (D8), Rep. Michael Mahoney (D1)

- E. **Item #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:

Approved by: Rep. Julie Gottlieb (D5), Rep. Matt Jacobs (D3), Rep. Tameisha Powell-

Dunmore (D6), Rep. Sharon Pistilli (D3), Rep. Joe Siebert (D5), Rep. Michael Mahoney (D1).

Abstained by: Rep. Hank Ference (D8)

**5. New Business**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

Rep. Powell-Dunmore moved to adjourn, seconded by Rep. Mahoney. Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**

Joe Siebert

Secretary, Finance Committee

January 21, 2020

**Legislation & Administration  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2020**

**1: Call to order.** Rep B. Gerber, standing in for J. Garskof as Chair, moved to call to order the regular meeting of the L&A committee at 9:45 pm on January 21, 2020 at Osborne Hill Elementary school.

**2: Roll Call** conducted by D. Georgiadis. Persons present: Reps K. Wackerman, C. Messina, P. Iacono, J. Vergara, D. Georgiadis. Absent: J. Garskof, J. Steele

**3: Items of the Call**

**Item 1:** To hear, consider and act upon the appointment of Kim Taylor to the Harbor Management Commission. Motion moved by J. Vergara. Seconded by K. Wackerman  
All in favor: Unanimous

**Item 2:** To hear, consider and act upon the appointments of Sam Cargill, Eric Sundman and Jacob Herschler to the Harbor Management Commission. Motion moved by P. Iacono. Seconded by K. Wackerman. All in favor: Unanimous

**Item 3:** To hear, consider and act upon the appointment of Elizabeth M. Tritschler as an alternate to the Harbor Management Commission. Motion moved by P. Iacono. Seconded by K. Wackerman. Discussion: Rep Vergara said that the information provided by the applicant was lacking. Requested additional information in accordance with the requirements. All in favor: Reps Georgiadis, Iacono, Wackerman, Messina, Gerber. Abstain: Rep Vergara.

**Item 4:** To hear, consider and act upon a resolution adopting the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG) FY20 Regional Performance Incentive Program. Motion moved by Rep K. Wackerman. Seconded by Rep J. Vergara. Discussion: Rep P. Iacono wants to hear from IT/Dave Kelly to evaluate if this resource will be used. Rep Georgiadis and Rep Wackerman pointed out that, due to the nature of the product being offered via a grant, no financial investment is needed over the 4 year trial period beginning 6/19. Rep Gerber questioned the position of the RTM to approve a contract/grant such as this. All in favor: none. Abstain: All.

**Item 5:** 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. Motion to approve amendments moved by Rep P. Iacono. Seconded by Rep K. Wackerman. All in favor: Unanimous.

**Item 6:** New business. None

**Item 7:** Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Rep. K. Wackerman. Seconded by Rep J. Vergara. Committee meeting adjourned. 10:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Rep D. Georgiadis.

RTM, Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Osborne Hill School  
760 Stillson Road  
Fairfield, Ct. 06824

Chair, Cindy Perham, called the meeting to order at 9:46 p.m.

The Roll was taken: Those in attendance were Chair Cindy Perham, Vice -Chair Bill Perugini, Secretary Laura Karson, Hannah Gale, Elizabeth Altobelli, and Veronica Monahan. Those who were not in attendance were Matt Ambrose and Steve Chessare.

Item #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 November 2019-2023

Item # 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 November 2019-2023

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

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

Chair Cindy Perham made a motion to approve the 4 candidates and Vice- Chair Bill Perugini seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Item #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, the Town of Fairfield has expressed an interest in taking part in the 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.

Hannah Gale made a motion to accept the \$350,000 grant. Elizabeth Altobelli seconded. Chair Cindy Perham, Secretary Laura Karson and Hannah Gale voted Yes. Elizabeth Altobelli, Veronica Monahan and Vice-Chair Bill Perugini abstained.

Item#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:

Section 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...

Chair Cindy Perham made a motion to accept the amendment. Hannah Gale seconded. Passes unanimously.

Section 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 section 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...

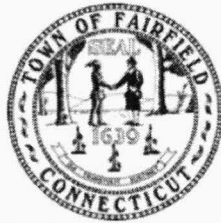
(7) Taxpayers between the age of 65 and 75 who had participated in the tax deferral option as of the 2012 Grand List may reapply for their original deferral base (deferring tax above the base), provided their qualifying income for the preceding year did not exceed \$80,000.

This amendment gives the tax assessor a definite time in writing as to when to collect the deferred taxes when someone dies: 1 year from the death or an unqualified transfer.

Secretary Laura Karson made a motion to accept this amendment and Elizabeth Altobelli seconded. Passes unanimously.

The meeting is adjourned is at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Karson, Secretary  
Public Health and Safety Committee



RTM Public Works Committee Meeting  
BOE 2nd Floor Conference Room,  
501 Kings Hwy East  
Jan. 21, 2020  
Minutes

**1. Call to order**

Chairman Wolk called the meeting to order at 9:41 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Secretary Bove conducted a roll call. Members Present: Rep. Jay Wolk, District 5; Rep. Lauren Bove, District 7; Rep. Scott Nickel, District 3; Rep. Lisa Havey, District 6; Rep. Frank Petise, District 10, Rep. Marisa Ringel, District 10, Rep. Janine Alianiello, District 10, Karen McCormack, District 2.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

**3.** 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

**4.** 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

**5.** To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment of an Alternate to the Harbor Management Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:  
Elizabeth M. Tritchler (R), 271 Westway Road, Term Nov. 2019 - 2021  
(To fill probable vacancy for Jacob M. Herschler who is moving to a "full" position)

Representative Havey moved to accept items 3,4 and 5 as presented; seconded by Representative Nickel. The committee approved the items unanimously.



6. 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."

Representative Wolk moved; seconded by Representative Bove. Representatives Havey, Wolk and Bove approved; Rep. Nickel, Rep. Petise, Rep. Ringel, Rep. Alianiello and Rep McCormack abstained.

7. 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.

(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.

Representative Havey moved, seconded by Representative Bove. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Notice is hereby given that the Moderator has directed that the following item be, and hereby is, added to the business to be considered at the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Fairfield on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 8:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East:

“RESOLVED that, pursuant to **Section 95-15.4** of the Town Code, which provides: ‘At its first regularly scheduled meeting in January 2020, the Representative Town Meeting shall convene a special committee to review Article III of Chapter 95, Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners,’ such special committee is hereby convened, and the Special Legislative Management Committee is directed to populate such special committee.”

Representative Havey moved, seconded by Representative Nickel. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. New Business**

None to report.

#### **9. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Representative, Havey, seconded by Representative Petise.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 09:55 p.m.

#### **Respectfully submitted by:**

Lauren Bove  
Secretary,  
RTM Public Works Subcommittee  
January 22, 2020