

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD**  
**February 24, 2020**

A meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 8 PM at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by Moderator Karen Wackerman.

PRESENT: 38 ABSENT: 2 VACANCY: 0

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

**ABSENT:** McCormack, Powell-Dunmore

**ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL:** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moderator Wackerman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Body held a moment of silence in honor of Mark McDermott's mother who recently passed away.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** The Moderator reported that items numbered 6, 7, 8, & 9 were eligible for the Consent Calendar.

**VOTE:** Items 6, 7, 8 & 9 were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL:** APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2020 MINUTES

Dru Georgiadis, District 9 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

**Amendment:** Jill Vergara, District 7 moved the following correction to Item 11, par. 3 “Ms. Vergara replied she would offer a revision suggested by the Town Attorney”, duly seconded.

**VOTE:** The amendment to the minutes was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**VOTE:** The January 27<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL:** REPORT ON RECOVERY OF COSTS RELATED TO PROPERTIES WITH BREACHES OF THE PEACE, DISTURBANCES & DISORDERLY CONDUCT

This report was heard in Committee.

**ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL:            AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT**

This report was heard in Committee.

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**ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL:** APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDER VISHNO (R) TERM JULY 2019-2022 TO THE FAIRTV COMMISSION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

**VOTE:** The appointment of Alexander Vishno to the FairTV Commission 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: "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."

This Item was on the Consent Calendar.

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

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: "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."

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This Item was on the Consent Calendar.

**ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL:** 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."

This Item was on the Consent Calendar.

**ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL:** 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."

March Spolyar, District 4 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Pamela Iacono, District 8 and Jill Vergara, District 7 presented a joint request that the Internal Auditor consider reviewing emergency bid protocols and perform audits of the instances that required the use of emergency bid forms, like the purchase of the trash compactors; and make appropriate recommendations, if any, to ensure that emergency bid waiver requests are being followed as outlined in policy.

We also recommend that the review of the Purchasing Policy be placed on a future Board of Finance agenda as the current policy is now 9 years old, and the policy itself calls for Board of Finance review every 2 to 3 years.

Many issues were raised regarding proper protocols being followed; this is a fair and appropriate request to address concerns that are shared by all members of the Body.

**VOTE:** The 20-year bond resolution in the amount of \$3,214,000 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 11 ON CALL:** 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

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT  
OSBORN HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.”

Sharon Pistilli, District 3 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Angelus Papageorge, Exec. Dir. of BOE Operations explained the resolutions are necessary to apply for grants and reimbursement from the State of Connecticut. Veronica Monahan, District 1 asked for clarification that it is a partial replacement to which Mr. Papageorge replied affirmatively.

**VOTE:** The resolution regarding the Osborn Hill partial roof replacement was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 12 ON CALL:** 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.”

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

Mr. Papageorge explained they work with local building contractors to assist in developing the project cost estimates which also lends itself to keeping the bidders “legitimate”. In response to Elizabeth Altobelli, District 10 he further explained that this appropriation includes, engineering, construction administration and warranties costs.

Marisa Ringel, District 10 stated she thinks the \$1.4 million for the project is excessive.

**VOTE:** The bond appropriation in the amount of \$1,409,046 for partial roof replacement at Osborn Hill School was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 13 ON CALL:** 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.”

Josh Garskof, District 5 moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Alex Durrell, District 3 stated that FWHS desperately needs air conditioning and urged approval.

**VOTE:** The bond resolution in the amount of \$1,500,000 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ITEM NO. 14 ON CALL:** TO HEAR A REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mark McDermott, Education & Recreation Committee Chair reported the dredging at South Benson Marina is complete and is approximately \$10,000 under budget. Smith Richardson Golf Course opens on April 4<sup>th</sup>; the clubhouse has been torn down and is on track to open on 9/11. The BOE budget has been approved by

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the Board of Education with a 3.9% increase. He reminded the Body to tour the Walter Fitzgerald campus if they had not already.

Crissy Kelly, District 9 reported that the information from Milone & McBroom is available on the BOE website. There is a lot of valuable information including a good synopsis of their report online.

**ITEM NO. 15 ON CALL:**

TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY & 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

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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.

Jill Vergara, District 7 moved to waive the reading of the Item.

Jill Vergara moved this Item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Amendment: Jill Vergara moved the following amendment recommended by the Town Attorney to delete redundant language, duly seconded and carried unanimously:

95-15 B 2b to read "upon conveyance of the real property; or"

**VOTE:** The amendments to the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Moderator asked if a member is willing to serve as liaison to the HSR Clubhouse Building Committee to let her know. She suggested that members either attend or watch the upcoming budget meetings on FairTV.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC  
Town Clerk

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting

501 Kings Highway East

Fairfield, Connecticut

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Minutes

1. Call to order by Mark McDermott

Meeting Called to Order at 10:31pm

Roll call

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
<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>Absent</b>
<b>Marcy Spolyar (D), District 4</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Alex Durrell (R) , District 3</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>
<b>Marisa Ringel (R) District 10</b>	<b>Present</b>



Chairman McDermott welcomed Marisa Ringel (R) District 10 to the committee, replacing Representative Farnen (R) District 9, who is now a State Representative (R-132).

2. Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 21, 2020 was made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative C. Kelly

Seconded by Representative Durrell

Motion passed unanimously

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.

Discussion: None

4. To hear a report from the Affordable Housing Committee.

Discussion: Representative Tallman: Need to follow up about senior housing being considered towards affordable housing 8-30g moratorium count.

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)

Discussion: Most members felt that Mr. Vishno was qualified to serve and may bring a fresh perspective to the FairTV Commission

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Vice-Chairman Tallman

Seconded by Representative Durrell

Motion approved 6-0-1

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott (D), District 7	In favor
Meredith Odinak (D), District 4	Abstained

<b>Chrissy Kelly (R), District 9</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Marcy Spolyar (D), District 4</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Alex Durrell (R) , District 3</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Marisa Ringel (R), District 10</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Peter Tallman (R), District 8</b>	<b>In favor</b>

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 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."

Discussion: All members are in favor of grants

Motion to approve by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Spolyar

Seconded by Representative Ringel

Motion passed unanimously

8. 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."

Discussion: All members are in favor of grants

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Move by Representative Spolyar

Seconded by Representative Ringel

Motion passed unanimously

9. 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."

Discussion: Saving \$1.5 million and not extending the length of the bonds is a positive financial move for our town.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Kelly

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Tallman

Motion passed unanimously

10. 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."

Discussion: None

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Spolyar

Seconded by Representative Durrell

Motion passed unanimously

11. 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."

Discussion: \$100,000 on Senior Center Design.

Representative C. Kelly: Concerned about spending for the senior center and if it is throwing money away.

Representative Ringel: Would like to wait until we know that this will stay a senior center rather than using the building as a school again.

Several other members voiced their opinions that this will be the Senior Center for many years to come and that it will not be turned back into a school. Structural improvements to the Senior Center need to be made.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Spolyar

Seconded by Representative Durrell

Motion passed 6-0-1

<b>Members</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Mark A. McDermott (D), District 7</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Meredith Odinak (D), District 4</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Marisa Ringel (R), District 10</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Marcy Spolyar (D), District 4</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Alex Durrell (R) , District 3</b>	<b>In favor</b>
<b>Chrissy Kelly (R), District 9</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Peter Tallman (R), District 8</b>	<b>In favor</b>

12. 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."

Discussion: Building committee required for state reimbursement.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Spolyar

Seconded by Representative Durrell

Motion passed unanimously

13. 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."

Discussion: Representative Ringel: That sounds like a lot of money for a roof.

Motion to approve by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Durrell

Seconded by Representative Spolyar

Motion passed unanimously

14. 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."

Discussion: Representative Ringel: Air conditioning should also be put in the classrooms as well and all schools.

Motion to approve made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Vice-Chairman Tallman

Seconded by Chairman McDermott

Motion passed unanimously

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

Discussion: Chairman McDermott will present the BOE 2020 Budget and Recreation updates. Representative Kelly will present the overview of the Milone & MacBroom redistricting at the Regular RTM Meeting on February 24, 2020.

16. 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.

(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.

Discussion: None. The changes have been presented several times and the committee is on board.

Motion to approve by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Spolyar

Seconded by Representative Ringel

Motion passed unanimously

17. 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.

Discussion:

## **18. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman McDermott

Moved by Representative Durrell

Seconded by Representative Ringel

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Meredith Odinak – Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee

February 20, 2020





## RTM FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

February 18th, 2020

Education Center

501 Kings Hwy East, Fairfield, CT

#### 1. Call to Order

Rep. Gottlieb called the meeting to order at 10:34 PM

#### 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 #5** on the Agenda 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). **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved**
- B. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #6** on the Agenda: 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. **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**
- C. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #7** on the Agenda: 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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**

- D. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #8** on the Agenda: To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance. 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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**
- E. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #9** on the Agenda: 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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**
- F. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #10** on the Agenda: "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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved with the additional Comment/Request: BOF to conduct Audit Review**
- G. Rep. Gottlieb raised **Item #11** on the Agenda: 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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**
- H. Rep Gottlieb raised **Item # 12** on the Agenda: 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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**
- I. Rep Gottlieb raised **Item # 13** on the Agenda: 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." **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**
- J. Rep Gottlieb raised **Item # 15** on the Agenda: 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. **Rep. Jacobs moved to approve the motion, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.**

## 5. New Business

None.

## 6. Adjournment

Rep. Siebert moved to adjourn, seconded by Rep. Ference. Meeting adjourned at 10:57pm

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:**

Joe Siebert  
Secretary, Finance Committee  
February 20, 2020

# **Meeting Minutes**

February 18, 2020

## **I. Call to order**

Josh Garskof called to order the regular meeting of the L&A at 10:35 pm on February 18, 2020 at 501 Kings Highway, Fairfield, CT.

## **II. Roll call.** Rep Georgiadis conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Jill Vergara, Karen Wackerman, Josh Garskof, Bill Gerber, Pam Iacono, Jeff Steele. The following persons were absent: (Christine Messina).

## **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

DRU GEORGIAIDS provided the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as provided

## **IV. Items on the Call**

5. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the FairTV Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectman. Alexander Vishno, 61 Hemlock Hill North. Term 2019-2022. **Moved by Rep Iacono. Seconded by Rep Steele. All in favor- Rep Iacono. Rep Garskof, Rep Gerber, Rep Vergara, Rep Steele. Opposed: Rep Wackerman, Rep Georgiadis Abstain: none.**
- 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. **Moved by Rep WACKERMAN, seconded by Rep IACONO. All in favor: Unanimous.**
- 7: To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance. "Resolved, that the First Selectwoman 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 ESF8 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 DCD 2019-2024 PHEP Cooperative Agreement via the State of Connecticut and the CT Region 1 ESF8 Fiduciary Organization." **Moved by Rep IACONO Seconded by Rep Gerber. All in favor: Unanimous.**

- 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." **Moved by Rep VERGARA. Seconded by Rep GERBER, ALL IN FAVOR: Unanimous.**
- 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." **Moved by Rep IACONO. Seconded by Rep WACKERMAN. DISCUSSION. All in favor: Unanimous.**
- 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. Motioned by Rep Vergara. Seconded by Rep Wackerman. Rep Iacono move to divide item. Seconded by Rep Vergara. Moved to remove trash compactor appropriation from total dollars in item. Balance of money to be considered. **Moved by Rep Steele. Seconded by Rep Garskof. Discussion. Why design and build is bonded. All in favor of approving balance of funding. Vote unanimous. Specific appropriation for trash compactor motion to approve moved by Rep Iacono. Seconded by Rep Wackerman All in favor. None. Abstain. All.**
- 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 to 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
- FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorize at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specification for the Osborn Hill Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement Project at Osborn Hill Elementary School." **Moved by Rep Vergara. Seconded by Rep Georgiadis. All in favor: All.**
- 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." **Moved by Rep Wackerman. Seconded by Rep Vergara. All in favor. Unanimous.**

13: To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance. "RESOLVED, that the Bond Resolution entitled, 'Resolution Appropriating \$1,500,000 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." **Moved by Rep Vergara, Seconded by Rep. Iacono. All in favor: unanimous**

14: To hear a report from the Education and Recreation Committee

15: To consider and act upon the following amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 98-8 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. **Moved by Rep Iacono. Seconded by Rep Wackerman. All in favor: unanimous.**

**V. New business:** None at this time.

**VI. Adjournment**

**Josh Garskof called to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 PM. Vote: All in favor. Unanimous.**

Minutes submitted by: Dru Georgiadis



RTM Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Board of Education Building

501 Kings Highway East

Fairfield, Ct. 06825

Chair Cindy Perham called the meeting to order at 10:30p.m.

She called the attendance roll: Cindy Perham(chair), Bill Perugini(vice-chair), Laura Karson(secretary), Matt Ambrose, Elizabeth Altobelli, and Veronica Monahan were all in attendance; Steve Chessare and Hannah Gale were not in attendance.

Item #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). Matt Ambrose made a motion to approve the appointment. Laura Karson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #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." Matt Ambrose made a motion to approve the resolution and Laura Karson seconded. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Item #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." Cindy Perham made a motion to approve the resolution and Veronica Monahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #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."

Cindy Perham made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution and Laura Karson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item #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."

Cindy Perham made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution and Elizabeth Altobelli seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item #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"

Cindy Perham made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution and Matt Ambrose seconded.

Cindy Perham, Matt Ambrose and Laura Karson approved the motion. Bill Perugini, Elizabeth Altobelli and Veronica Monahan abstained. The abstentions were due to wanting a deeper understanding of the process which resulted in the request for \$3,214,000.

Item #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."

Veronica Monahan made a motion to approve the resolution and Matt Ambrose seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item #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."

Bill Perugini made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution and Cindy Perham seconded.

Cindy Perham, Matt Ambrose and Laura Karson approved the motion. Bill Perugini, Veronica



Monahan, and Elizabeth Altebelli abstained. The abstentions were due to the process by which the appropriated amount of \$ 1,409,046 was determined.

Item #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."

Laura Karson made the motion to approve the Bond Resolution and Cindy Perham seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item #15: 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." . 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: RTM WARNING FEBRUARY 24, 2020 § 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. RTM WARNING FEBRUARY 24, 2020 (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.

Bill Perugini made a motion to approve the amendments and Laura Karson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Ambrose made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cindy Perham seconded. The motion was unanimously passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:07p.m.

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



RTM Public Works Committee Meeting  
BOE 2nd Floor Conference Room,  
501 Kings Hwy East  
Feb. 18, 2020  
Minutes

**1. Call to order**

Chairman Wolk called the meeting to order at 10:38 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, District 10, Rep. Janine Alianiello, District 10, Karen McCormack, District 2, Rep. Rick Grauer.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

**3. 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)

Representative Havey moved to accept the item as presented, seconded by Representative McCormack. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. 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.”

Representative Havey moved to accept the item as presented, seconded by Representative Nickel. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. 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.”

Representative Havey moved to accept the item as presented, seconded by Representative Petise. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. 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.”

Representative Havey moved to accept the item as presented, seconded by Representative Bove. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. 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."

**8. 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."

Representative Havey moved to combine and accept the items 7 and 8 as presented, seconded by Representative Petise. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. 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."

Representative Havey moved to accept the item as presented, seconded by Representative McCormack. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. 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."

Representative Havey moved to combine and accept item 9 and 10 above as presented, seconded by Representative Petise. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. 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.”

Representative Havey moved to combine and accept the item 10 and 11 as presented, seconded by Representative Wolk. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. To hear, 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.

(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 to accept the item as presented, seconded by Representative Nickel. The motion passed unanimously.

### **13. New Business**

None to report.

**14. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Representative Havey, seconded by Representative Petise. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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