



REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

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**VOTE:** Motion to approve the FEMA Grant was approved by unanimous voice vote. (Ms. Georgiadis was not present to vote.)

**ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL:**

TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "WHEREAS, FEDERAL MONIES ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 93-383, AS AMENDED; AND WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 127C, AND PART VI OF CHAPTER 130 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES, THE COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING IS AUTHORIZED TO DISBURSE SUCH FEDERAL MONIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES; AND WHEREAS, IT IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD ACCEPT FROM THE STATE \$300,000 IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY - TRANCHE 2 PROJECT, FAIRFIELD WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT HARDENING, AND TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT THEREFORE, SHOULD ONE BE OFFERED; AND WHEREAS, THE FUNDING IS COGNIZANT OF THE CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IMPOSED BY PART VI OF CHAPTER 130 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THAT FIRST SELECTWOMAN BRENDA L. KUPCHICK BE, AND HEREBY IS, AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT IN THE NAME OF AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING; AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD, TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE SAID GRANT AS WELL AS PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO EXECUTE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS OFFERED AND TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RESCISSIONS, AND REVISIONS THERETO, AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD."

Hannah Gale, District 6 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Brian Carey, Acting DPW Director explained that contamination was found on the site and he is working with the EPA & DEEP on its removal and remediation which these grant monies will be used toward. Asst. Town Engineer Laura Pulie secured the grant. The project will be complete in early spring.

Ms. Gale asked what the cause of the contamination was to which Mr. Carey explained that historically WPCF contamination is a result of sludge, a byproduct found when the processing tanks are emptied. These solids were spread as fill over the site.

**VOTE:** The \$300,000 CDBG Tranche 2 Disaster Recovery Grant was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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**ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL:** THE MODERATOR HAS REFERRED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SENIOR AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF ORDINANCE, AS REFERRED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, TO THE L&A COMMITTEE, UNDER RULE 32 OF THE RTM RULES TO REGULATE.

This item is being considered by the L&A Committee

**ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL:** TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN\*: “RESOLVED, TO FUND AND APPROVE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD ("TOWN") AND THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION #454, THE FAIRFIELD PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES UNION AND UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION #222 INCLUDING NON-UNION ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES FOR A VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN ("VERIP") FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.” *\*THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED FROM SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2020.*

Jay Wolk moved to postpone this item to the special meeting to be held November 12, 2020, duly seconded. Ms. Wackerman reviewed the calendar of meetings: the Joint Retirement Board will meet October 28 to review the actuarial report; the Board of Finance will review the report November 5. The RTM Committee meetings will be held on November 9 at 7:30 and the full RTM meeting will be November 12 at 7:30 PM.

**VOTE:** The motion to postpone the VERIP plan to the November 12 special meeting was approved by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MCTC, MMC  
Town Clerk