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VOTE: The resolution establishing the Burr Elementary School Building Committee for the full roof replacement, authorizing the BOE to apply for and accept grants and to authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 4 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 \$3,920,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Marcy Spolyar, District 4 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Jill Vergara, District 7 noted that these items may be eligible for federal stimulus funding according to new information. She requested that these items do not go out for bonding if it is determined that funding is available.

VOTE: The \$3,920,000 bond resolution for vehicles and equipment for the Dept. of Public Works was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 5 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 \$1,000,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO ROAD PAVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Joe Siebert, District 5 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

VOTE: The \$1,000,000 bond resolution for paving 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 BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED, “A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,897,276.45 FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A FAIRFIELD-WESTPORT MULTI-TOWN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WITH TOWN OF WESTPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION BY \$1,116,940 TO A TOTAL \$4,014,216,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Scott Nickel, District 3 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

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VOTE: The bond resolution amending and restating the resolution for the costs associated with establishing and operating the Fairfield/Westport multi-town ECC was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “RESOLVED, THAT THE TWENTY-YEAR BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$4,303,000 FOR THE COSTS OF CERTAIN NONRECURRING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Alice Kelly, District 4 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Jill Vergara requested that a discussion be held prior to these items going out to bonding to determine if some of these capital projects may be eligible for federal stimulus funding such as the office renovations and HVAC upgrades.

VOTE: The 20-year bond resolution appropriating \$4,303,000 for certain nonrecurring capital projects was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “RESOLVED, THAT THE FIFTEEN-YEAR BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,750,000 FOR THE COSTS OF A BUILDING AUTOMATION SYSTEM UPGRADE AT FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Lauren Bove, District 8 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Angelus Papageorge noted that the bathroom project at FLHS is infrastructure, ADA compliance and piping; it’s not a cosmetic job.

VOTE: The 15-year bond resolution appropriating \$1,750,000 for a building automation system upgrade at Fairfield Ludlowe HS was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “RESOLVED, THAT THE TWENTY-YEAR BOND RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,653,150 FOR THE COSTS OF VARIOUS BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Laura Karson, District 4 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Mr. Papageorge gave a brief overview of the school mechanical systems and Burr roof replacement.

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VOTE: The 20-year bond resolution appropriating \$3,653,150 for various BOE capital projects was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL: TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON 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.

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

Sharon Pistilli, District 3 moved to approve the amendments in Section 95-15, duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Cindy Perham, District 2 moved to approve the amendments in Section 95-15.1 duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Pamela Iacono, District 8 moved to strike Section 95-15.4 duly seconded.

Rep. Iacono said that after speaking with Ms. Vergara it was clear the review committee language revisions were going to fail. Ms. Iacono explained that she was requesting that the review committee language revisions be struck so that the Caucus leaders could be given time to work on new revisions for that section. Motion passed unanimously

VOTE: The amendments to Section 95-8 to Section 95-15 of Chapter 95, Article III of the Town Code were approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk