

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting

Via WebEx Voice Call

January 18, 2022

Minutes

**1. Call to order**

Meeting Called to Order at 8:29 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Members	Present/Absent
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	Present
Marcy Spolyar, District 4	Present
Margaret Horton, District 9	Present
Steve M. Berecz, District 6	Present
Alice Kelly, District 4	Absent
Kelly Scinto, District 9	Present
Peter Tallman, District 8	Absent
Alex Durrell, District 3	Present

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

**Discussion:** Representative McDermott expressed that he hoped that the questions brought up in the committee presentation would be answered, and hoped for an updated lease report. Representative McDermott also expressed that he hoped that attention was paid in particular to

concerns brought up about the Pilot House limited hours, especially in light of the possibility of that property being used to increase affordable housing units. Representative Scinto questioned whether or not the Fairfield Museum was still in charge of running events at the Burr Mansion.

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

**Discussion:** Representative Horton expressed concern about some of the properties that had been discussed in the committee presentation that have been in blight for many years with large fines having been accrued, and that she hoped that the town could pursue legal recourse. Members of the committee agreed with this, and expressed hope that the town will continue to look into additional means to help bring the blighted properties out of disrepair.

4. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

**Representative McDermott made a motion to approve the minutes, and Representative Durrell seconded.**

**Discussion:** None

**Motion approved unanimously.**

5. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees Retirement Board as recommended by the First Selectwoman:

James B. Brown (R), 90 Ross Hill Road, Term Nov. 2021-2026

**Motion was made by Representative McDermott to approve this appointment, and was seconded by Representative Durrell.**

**Discussion :**

**Motion passed 6-0-0.**

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	In favor
Marcy Spolyar, District 4	In favor

Margaret Horton, District 9	In favor
Steve M. Berecz, District 6	In favor
Alice Kelly, District 4	(Absent)
Kelly Scinto, District 9	In favor
Peter Tallman, District 8	(Absent)
Alex Durrell, District 3	In favor

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

Jeffrey S. Warren (R) 330 Parkwood Road, Term Nov. 2021 - 2023

(To replace Douglas E. Metchick, who was appointed as full member)

**Motion to approve was made by Representative Durrell, seconded by Representative Spolyar.**

**Discussion:** All representatives indicated that they would be abstaining in order to wait until Mr. Warren was able to before the full body.

**Motion did not carry 0-0-6.**

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	Abstain
Marcy Spolyar, District 4	Abstain
Margaret Horton, District 9	Abstain
Steve M. Berecz, District 6	Abstain
Alice Kelly, District 4	(Absent)

Kelly Scinto, District 9	Abstain
Peter Tallman, District 8	(Absent)
Alex Durrell, District 3	Abstain

7. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals as recommended by the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals, in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Code of the Town of Fairfield:

Kathryn Gussen (D)\*\*, 2453 Burr Street Term\*

Judith M. Szablak (R), 264 Villa Avenue, Term\*

\*The term being BAA hearing and decision sessions during 2022

\*\*The original recommended candidate withdrew from consideration due to time constraints.

**Motion to separate these two items was made by Representative Horton, and seconded by Representative Berecz.**

**Motion passed 6-0-0.**

**Motion to approve Kathryn Gussen made by Representative Spolyar, seconded by Representative Horton .**

**Discussion :** All members expressed that they would be abstaining in order to wait until Ms. Gussen was able to appear before the full body.

**Motion did not carry 0-0-6.**

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	Abstain
Marcy Spolyar, District 4	Abstain
Margaret Horton, District 9	Abstain
Steve M. Berecz, District 6	Abstain

Alice Kelly, District 4	(Absent)
Kelly Scinto, District 9	Abstain
Peter Tallman, District 8	(Absent)
Alex Durrell, District 3	Abstain

**Motion to approve Judith Szablak made by Representative McDermott, seconded by Representative Durrell .**

**Discussion :** Representative Spolyar provided a comprehensive overview of the BAA process.

**Motion carried 6-0-0.**

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	In favor
Marcy Spolyar, District 4	In favor
Margaret Horton, District 9	In favor
Steve M. Berecz, District 6	In favor
Alice Kelly, District 4	(Absent)
Kelly Scinto, District 9	In favor
Peter Tallman, District 8	(Absent)
Alex Durrell, District 3	In favor

8. 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.

**No other matters were presented.**

9. Adjournment

**A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Durrell, and seconded by Representative McDermott. Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Margaret Horton

Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee

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Fairfield Representative Town Meeting  
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Those in attendance are in bold:

<b>John Kuhn (D)</b>	Secretary
<b>Sharon Pistilli (D)</b>	Chair
Hal Schwartz (D)	
<b>Joseph Siebert (D)</b>	Vice-Chair
<b>Elizabeth Zezima (D)</b>	
<b>Ed Bateson (R)</b>	
<b>Melissa Longo ®</b>	
<b>Amy Ruggiero (R)</b>	

5. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees Retirement Board as recommended by the First Selectwoman:

James B. Brown (R), 90 Ross Hill Road, Term Nov. 2021-2026

Amy Ruggerio - made a motion

Joe Siebert - Seconded

Motion passes unanimously

6. To consider and act upon the following appointment as an Alternate to the Harbor Management Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Jeffrey S. Warren (R) 330 Parkwood Road, Term Nov. 2021 - 2023 (To replace Douglas E. Metchick, who was appointed as full member)

Amy Ruggiero - moved

Liz Zeizima - seconded

All members abstained since he did not appear before the body at tonight's meeting

7. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals as recommended by the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals, in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Code of the Town of Fairfield:

Kathryn Gussen (D)\*\*, 2453 Burr Street Term\*

Judith M. Szablak (R), 264 Villa Avenue, Term\* \*The term being BAA hearing and decision sessions during 2022

\*\*The original recommended candidate withdrew from consideration due to time constraints.

Motion to split the item:

Liz - moved

Ed seconded

Motion passes unanimously

Appointment of Kathryn Gussen

Ed - moved

Joe - seconded

All members abstained because she did not appear before the body at tonight's meeting.

Appointment of Judy Szablak

Joe - moved

Amy - second

Item passes unanimously

Adjourn:

Amy -moved

Liz - second

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Representative John Kuhn - District 7  
Secretary, Finance Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION  
MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2022 @ 8:30 PM

Members: P Iacono, J. Steele, C. Messina, J. Garskof, K. Wackerman, J. Vergara, D. Georgiadis, T. Lambert

**I. Call to order**

T. Lambert called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative and Administration at 8:30 PM on January 18, 2022 remotely. T. Lambert moved to designate K. Wackerman to run the meeting in the absence of J. Garskof and D. Georgiadis. This motion passed unanimously.

**II. Roll call**

K. Wackerman conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: P. Iacono, C. Messina, J. Vergara, T. Lambert, K. Wackerman The following persons were absent: J. Steele, J. Garskof, D. Georgiadis

**III. Items on the Call**

a) Item #4 on the Call (Approval of minutes from last meeting):

T. Lambert provided the minutes from the last meeting. P. Iacono moved and T. Lambert seconded approval of minutes from the prior meeting. A vote was called as to approving the prior meeting minutes. P. Iacono, C. Messina, and T. Lambert voted in favor, K. Wackerman and J. Vergara abstained. The minutes were approved as provided.

b) Item #5 on the Call (Appointment to the Employees Retirement Board):

Motion to consider appointment to Employee Retirement Board of James Brown, moved by J. Vergara seconded by C. Messina

A vote was called as to James Brown, and the motion passed unanimously.

c) Item #6 on the Call (Appointment to Harbor Management Commission):

Motion to consider appointment as Alternate to Harbor Management Commission of Jeffrey Warren, moved by P. Iacono, seconded by C. Messina.

K. Wackerman said she would like to wait to hear from Mr. Warren. T. Lambert agreed.

A vote was called as to Jeffrey Warren, with P. Iacono voting in favor. C. Messina, J. Vergara, K. Wackerman, and T. Lambert abstaining.

d) Item #7 on the Call (Appointment to Board of Assessment Appeals):

Motion to consider appointments to Board of Assessment Appeals of Kathryn Gussen and Judith Szablak, moved by P. Iacono, seconded by T. Lambert.

J. Vergara moved to divide the item.

K. Wackerman indicated she would like to wait to hear from Ms. Gussen. P. Iacono and C. Messina indicated they would like to vote in favor of her appointment.

A vote was called as to Kathryn Gussen. P. Iacono and C. Messina in favor, with K. Wackerman, J. Vergara, and T. Lambert abstaining.

A vote was called as to Judith Szablak, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. New business**

- a) 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. None

#### **V. Adjournment**

K. Wackerman adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Lambert

# ***Fairfield RTM Public Health & Safety Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

January 18, 2022

### **I. Call to order**

Karson moved and Ference seconded to called to order the regular meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee at 8:30pm on January 18, 2022 at virtual/phone.

### **II. Roll call**

Laura Karson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Laura Karson (Chair), Hank Ference (Vice Chair), Jeff Galdenzi (Secretary), Cindy Perham, Veronica Monahan, Hannah Gale and Stori Tallman. The following persons were absent: Will Diaz

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

(Perham/Karson ) PASSED – 5-0-2

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

#5 -To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees Retirement Board as recommended by the First Selectwoman:

James B. Brown (R), 90 Ross Hill Road, Term Nov. 2021-2026 – (Perham /Monahan) PASSED 7-0-0

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

Jeffrey S. Warren (R) 330 Parkwood Road, Term Nov. 2021 - 2023 -- DEFERRED to regular meeting

#7. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals as recommended by the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals, in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Code of the Town of Fairfield:

Motion made to separate the candidates – (Ference/Gale) PASSED 7-0-0

Kathryn Gussen (D), 2453 Burr Street Term – DEFERRED to regular meeting

Judith M. Szablak (R), 264 Villa Avenue – (Monahan / Karson) PASSED 6-0-1

### **V. New business**

a) Discussion on crime and suggestion to reach out to police chief on discussion around issue.

### **VI. Adjournment**

Karson moved and Ference seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Galdenzi

# DPW Committee Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, January 18, 2022



### I. Call to order

Call to order was moved by Representative McCormack. Seconded by Representative Astarita.

The regular meeting of the DPW Committee Meeting is called to order at 8:30 pm on January 18, 2022 via bridge call. 1.516.597.9432-4

### II. Roll call

Lisa Havey conducted a roll call.

p Jay Wolk (D) District 5 - Chair	p Christine Brown (D) District 9
p Frank Petise (R) District 10 - Vice Chair	p Peter Britton (R) District 10
p Lisa Havey (D) District 6 - Secretary	p Ken Astarita (R) District 10
p Andrew Graceffa (D) District 6	p Karen McCormack (R) District 2

### III. Approval of minutes from December 6, 2021

Lisa Havey provided the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to amend the minutes by Karen McCormack, motion to strike from the minutes:

"Karen McCormack expressed concerns that Cristin McCarthy Vahey has a position as a member of the committee. There are 3 members"

And in its place:

Karen McCormack noted that the presenters/participants in the proposed meeting are not a bipartisan representation of our legislators. And beyond that, that anyone who should choose to attend should be mindful of the fact that our other legislators were not invited to participate and be on the panel. Seconded by Representative Astarita. The amendment approved by all Representatives. Motion to accept minutes as amended by Representative McCormack. Second by Representative Wolk. All Representatives approved.

### IV. Items on the Call

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

Discussion: all good

Action Items: non

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

Discussion: general support that chronic non-compliant offenders should face legal action.

Action Items: none

4.

5. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees Retirement Board as recommended by the First Selectwoman: James B. Brown (R), 90 Ross Hill Road, Term Nov. 2021-2026

Motion made by Representative Havey to support James B. Brown for the Employees Retirement Board appointment. Seconded by Representative Wolk.

Discussion: perfect

All Representatives in favor.

6. To consider and act upon the following appointment as an Alternate to the Harbor Management Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Jeffrey S. Warren (R) 330 Parkwood Road, Term Nov. 2021 - 2023 (To replace Douglas E. Metchick, who was appointed as full member)

Motion made by Representative Astarita to support Jeffrey Warren to Harbor Management Commission. Seconded by Representative Britton.

Discussion: question about supporting a candidate that is not present. Representative Havey shared that when provided the backup material is not sufficient a Representative may choose to wait for the candidate to be present for questions.

In favor: Representatives Wolk, Petise, Havey, Britton, Graceffa, McCormack and Astarita. Opposed: none. Abstained: Representative Brown.

7. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals as recommended by the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Appeals, in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Code of the Town of Fairfield: Kathryn Gussen (D)\*\*, 2453 Burr Street Term\* Judith M. Szablak (R), 264 Villa Avenue, Term\* \*The term being BAA hearing and decision sessions during 2022 \*\*The original recommended candidate withdrew from consideration due to time constraints.

Motion made by Representative McCormack to support Judith M. Szablak for the Board of Assessment Appeals. Seconded by Representative Wolk.

Discussion: qualified

In favor: Representatives Wolk, Petise, Havey, Britton, Graceffa, McCormack and Astarita.  
Opposed: none. Abstained: Representative Brown.

Motion made by Motion made by Representative McCormack to support Kathryn Gussen for the Board of Assessment Appeals. Seconded by Representative Astarita.

Discussion: qualified

In favor: Representatives Wolk, Petise, Havey, Britton, Graceffa, McCormack and Astarita.  
Opposed: none. Abstained: Representative Brown.

V. New business

a) None

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by Representative Brown. Seconded by Representative Astarita.

Discussion: none need

All Representatives in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lisa Havey, DPW Committee Secretary