

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting
Via WebEX Voice Call
April 11, 2022
Minutes

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8:48 PM

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark A. McDermott, D7
Marcy Spolyar, D4
Margaret Horton, D9
Steve Berezcz, D6
Alice Kelly, D4
Kelly Scinto, D9
Alex Durrell, D3

MEMBERS ABSENT

Peter Tallman, D8

- 3. To consider and act upon the minutes of the Education and Recreation Committee held on Feb. 22, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Rep. Alex Durrell and seconded by Rep. McDermott. The motion passes unanimously.**

Discussion: None

- 4. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman: "RESOLVED. That a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Fairfield Public Nurses, Unit 34 of the AFT Nurses and Health Professionals-AFT AFL_CIO, concerning conditions of employment for a period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024 be, and hereby is, ratified."**

A motion to approve was made by Rep. Horton, and seconded by Rep. Berezcz.

Discussion: Rep. Horton wondered why there was such a backlog in the contract negotiations. Rep. Spolyar said that this back log existed before Covid. Rep. McDermott stated that it was partially Covid related, but also reminded us that there was a great deal of money in Contingency because so many contracts have already expired and will need to be negotiated. The resolution was approved unanimously.

5. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman: “Resolved, that a certain Agreement negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and the Professional and Technical Employees Association Local 1303-366 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL_CIO concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, ratified.” **A motion to approve was made by Rep. McDermott and seconded by Rep. Kelly. The motion was passed unanimously.**

Discussion: Rep. Spolyar commented that it sounds like this contract really needs to be approved so people can retire. Rep. McDermott said that it seems as if this is the same situation as the other contract we discussed.

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “Resolved, that, as part of the Commerce Drive and State Street Extension Bridge project, an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to pay for fees associated with the Right-of-Way process and permanent and temporary easements related to the project, of which 100% shall be covered by a MetroCOG LOTCIP grant, be, and hereby is, approved.” **A motion to approve was made by Rep. McDermott and seconded by Rep. Berez. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Discussion: None

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “Resolved, that an appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to complete the Microgrid Project be, and hereby is, approved.” **A motion to approve was made by Rep. McDermott and seconded by Rep. Durrell. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Discussion: None

8. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “Resolved, that an appropriation in the amount of \$540,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to replace the Compost Agitator and Dolly at the Waste Water Treatment Facility be, and hereby is, approved.” **A motion to approve was made by Rep. Berez and seconded by Rep. Durrell. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Discussion: Rep. McDermott said that this was a “no brainer” and had to be done.

9. To consider and act upon a Sense of the Body Resolution regarding Racism as a Public Health Crisis. **A motion to approve was made by Rep. Spolyar and seconded by Rep. Horton. The vote passed with a 5-0-2 vote. Voting in favor were Reps. McDermott, Spolyar, Horton, Berez, and Kelly. The abstentions were Reps. Scinto and Durrell.**

Discussion: Rep. Horton stated that we must name something in order to start to solve the problem. Rep. Kelly concurred. Rep. Spolyar stated that passing this resolution signals that we want to work together with the First Selectwoman who created the commission. She also stated that this was a small first step but was vitally important.

10. A motion to adjourn was made by Rep. Durrell and seconded by Rep. McDermott. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.04

Respectfully submitted by:

Alice Kelly
Acting Secretary, Ed and Rec Committee
April 11, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETING LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2022 @ 8:47 PM

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

I. Call to order

J. Garskof called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative and Administration at 8:47 PM on April 11, 2022 remotely.

II. Roll call

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

III. Items on the Call

- a) Item #2 on the Call (Approval of minutes from last meeting):

T. Lambert provided the minutes from the last meeting. T. Lambert moved and K. Wackerman seconded approval of minutes from the prior meeting. A vote was called as to approving the prior meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as provided, unanimously.

- b) Item #3 on the Call, To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the First Selectwoman:

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Motion to consider the resolution, moved by D. Georgiadis, seconded by J. Vergara.

A vote was called to consider the motion, and the motion passed. All members present voted in favor, with the exception of K. Wackerman, who abstained (due to missing the presentation because she was attending the redistricting committee meeting).

- c) Item #4 on the Call, To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the First Selectwoman:

“RESOLVED, that a certain Agreement negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and the Professional and Technical Employees Association Local 1303-366

of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, ratified.”

Motion to consider the resolution, moved by J. Vergara, seconded by D. Georgiadis.

J. Vergara did not appreciate the presentation and lack of detail. She is looking for more information. She also wished it was a longer term.

J. Garskof commented on potential impact on current employees by this resolution and reason for expediency.

D. Georgiadis asked a question as to who wanted such a short term contract.

A vote was called to consider the motion, and the motion passed. All members present voted in favor, with the exception of K. Wackerman, who abstained.

- d) Item #5 on the Call, To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that, as part of the Commerce Drive and State Street Extension Bridge Project, an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to pay for fees associated with the Right-of-Way process and permanent and temporary easements related to the project, of which 100% shall be covered by a MetroCOG LOTCIP grant, be, and hereby is, approved.”

Motion to consider the resolution, moved by J. Vergara, seconded by T. Lambert.

A vote was called to consider the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- e) Item #6 on the Call, To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to complete the Microgrid Project be, and hereby is, approved.”

Motion to consider the resolution, moved by K. Wackerman, seconded by J. Vergara.

A vote was called to consider the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- f) Item #7 on the Call, To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$540,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to replace the Compost Agitator and Dolly at the Waste Water Treatment Facility be, and hereby is, approved.”

Motion to consider the resolution, moved by T. Lambert, seconded by K. Wackerman.

A vote was called to consider the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- g) Item #8 on the Call, To consider and act upon a Sense of the Body Resolution regarding Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

Motion to consider the resolution, moved by J. Vergara, seconded by K. Wackerman.

J. Vergara and K. Wackerman discussed the importance of this resolution. So many organizations and other cities have already done this already and it is time for Fairfield to do so as well.

D. Georgiadis raised concerns about poverty also being a health crisis but stated she will support this resolution.

T. Lambert expressed a desire to have the town seriously consider further action and implement the full set of recommendations made by the task force.

J. Garskof stated how happy he was that the town seal will be reexamined. He also commented that this resolution is a baby step that should be accompanied by further action.

A vote was called to consider the motion, 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

J. Garskof adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Lambert

RTM Finance Committee Meeting – April 11, 2022

In attendance: Rep. Pastilli, Chair; Rep. Zezima; Rep. Siebert; Rep. Kuhn; Rep. Bateson; Rep. Ruggiero; Rep. Longo.

Rep. Pastilli called the meeting to order at 8:49pm

To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman: “RESOLVED, that a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Fairfield Public Health Nurses, Unit 34 of the AFT Nurses and Health Professionals - AFT AFL-CIO, concerning conditions of employment for a period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024 be, and hereby is, ratified.”

Rep. Zezima – to approve

Rep. Ruggiero – second

Paying 401(A) different than what is in the contract

Unanimously approved

To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman: “RESOLVED, that a certain Agreement negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and the Professional and Technical Employees Association Local 1303-366 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, ratified.”

Rep. Siebert – to move

Rep. Ruggiero – second

Unanimously approved

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “RESOLVED, that, as part of the Commerce Drive and State Street Extension Bridge Project, an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to pay for fees associated with the Right-of-Way process and permanent and temporary easements related to the project, of which 100% shall be covered by a MetroCOG LOTCIP grant, be, and hereby is, approved.”

Rep. Ruggiero – to move

Rep. Longo – second

Unanimously approved

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to complete

the Microgrid Project be, and hereby is, approved.”² REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING APRIL 25, 2022
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Rep. Ruggiero – to move

Rep. Siebert – second

Unanimously passes

To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:
“RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$540,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to replace the Compost Agitator and Dolly at the Waste Water Treatment Facility be, and hereby is, approved.”

Rep. Siebert – to approve

Rep. Zezima – second

Rep. Kuhn asked Rep Bateson whether it would make sense to get in this business to service other towns as a possible revenue generator since we are investing in this. Rep. Bateson discussed some town history about building the compost facility, designed for a certain capacity with the agitator between each row and didn't see any room for excess capacity. Discussion about possible capacity and if it existed with another agitator could it generate revenues. Rep. Bateson was on WPCA but was not on when Fairfield went from two to one agitator because the equipment got terribly expensive, the technology became more expense. Fairfield may not want to bring in other towns' sludge.

Rep Zezima asked Rep. Bateson about the possibility of hauling vs. composting for Fairfield's compost. Given the expenses of fuel and can't use town trucks, Fairfield would have to contract it out. With the new agitator the town should be good running it's own composting for another 15-16 years because of the life of the equipment. When the town rebuilt the compost facility, it was a big decision. If town hauls it off then it needs to dry it up and then that slows the process down. Then the plant capacity goes from 9m gallons a day to 8 million gallons a day. What are other towns doing? Most transport it and burn it. By controlling the composting, Fairfield is not at the whim of fuel costs and is self-reliant. However, if the agitator goes down then Fairfield needs to haul out the compost.

Unanimously passes.

To consider and act upon a Sense of the Body Resolution regarding Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

Rep. Zezima – motion to approve

Rep. Siebert – second

Discussion: Rep. Zezima was very happy that this has been brought to the body and thanked Rep. Pistilli for her work on this and also cited Ryan [LAST NAME?] for helping with what she viewed as modernization for the town; it is 2022 and it is time for Fairfield to lead the way on this.

Rep. Bateson stated that for now he would abstain as he needed to spend more time with the materials being presented to the body and wanted to revisit recordings of other town committees' meetings. A lot of information to absorb. Rep. Ruggiero said she also needed to review the report.

In favor: Reps. Pistilli, Zezima, Kuhn, Siebert

Opposed: none

Abstaining: Reps. Bateson, Ruggiero, Longo

Motion to adjourn:

Rep. Ruggiero – moved

Rep. Siebert – second

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Fairfield RTM Public Health & Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2022

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order the regular meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee at 8:48pm on April 11, 2022 via 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, Hannah Gale and Stori Tallman. The following persons were absent: Will Diaz, Marty Furey

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

(Perham/Karson) PASSED – 6-0-0

IV. Items on the Call

3. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman:

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(Perham / Ference) PASSED 6-0-0

4. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman:

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(Gale / Karson) PASSED 6-0-0

5. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

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(Ference / Perham) PASSED 6-0-0

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to complete the Microgrid Project be, and hereby is, approved.”

(Perham / Tallman) PASSED 6-0-0

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

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(Perham / Tallman) PASSED 6-0-0

8. To consider and act upon a Sense of the Body Resolution regarding Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

(Karson / Galdenzi) FAILED 3-0-3

FOR - Karson/Galdenzi/Perham

ABSTAIN – Ference/Tallman/Gale

V. New/Old business

- a) Discussion on how to best communicate our findings after meeting with police department administration.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Galdenzi

Public Works & Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022



I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Public Works & Planning Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wolk at 8:55 pm on April 11, 2022 via bridge call. 1.516.597.9432-4

II. Roll call

Representative Havey conducted a roll call.

p Jay Wolk (D) District 5 - Chair	a 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 February RTM Meeting

Representative Havey provided the minutes from the February meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes by Representative Astarita, seconded by Representative Wolk. Motion carries unanimously.

IV. Items on the Call/Agenda

3. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman: "RESOLVED, that a certain contract negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and Fairfield Public Health Nurses, Unit 34 of the AFT Nurses and Health Professionals - AFT AFL-CIO, concerning conditions of employment for a period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024 be, and hereby is, ratified."

Motion to accept as presented by Representative Graceffa, seconded by Representative McCormack. Motion carries unanimously.

4. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectwoman: "RESOLVED, that a certain Agreement negotiated by and between the Town of Fairfield and the Professional and Technical Employees Association Local 1303-366 of Council 4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, ratified."

Motion to accept as presented by Representative Wolk, seconded by Representative Graceffa. Motion carries unanimously.

5. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that, as part of the Commerce Drive and State Street Extension Bridge Project, an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to pay for fees associated with the Right-of-Way process and permanent and temporary easements related to the project, of which 100% shall be covered by a MetroCOGLOTICIP grant, be, and hereby is approved.”

Motion to accept as presented by Representative Astarita, seconded by Representative Petise. Motion carries unanimously.

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

“RESOLVED, that an appropriation in the amount of \$120,000 from the WPCA Fund Balance to complete the Microgrid Project be, and hereby is, approved.”

Motion to accept as presented by Representative Wolk, seconded by Representative Graceffa. Motion carries unanimously.

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

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Motion to accept as presented by Representative Graceffa, seconded by Representative Britton. Motion carries unanimously.

8. To consider and act upon a Sense of the Body Resolution regarding Racism as a Public Health Crisis.

Motion to accept as presented by Representative Wolk, seconded by Representative Graceffa.

Discussion: Representatives Wolk, Graceffa, and Havey made comments of support. Representative Astarita commented that that the resolution was new to us and has not had time to review, concerns that there might be budget implications down the road.

Vote in favor are Representatives Wolk, Graceffa and Havey. Vote to abstain are Representatives Petise, Britton, Astarita and McCormack.

V. Committee discussion

None.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Representative Havey and seconded by Representative Graceffa

Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Havey, Public Works & Planning Committee Secretary, April 11, 2022.