

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting
Via WebEx Voice Call
February 22, 2022
Minutes

1. Call to order

Meeting Called to Order at 9:34 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	Absent
Peter Tallman, District 8	Present
Alex Durrell, District 3	Present

2. To consider and act upon the minutes of the Education and Recreation Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Representative McDermott, seconded by Representative Durrell. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: None

3. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Kirstin M. Etela (D) 90 South Pine Creek Road, Term Nov. 2018 – 2022 (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Guy Gleysteen). A motion to approve was made by Representative Horton, seconded by Representative Durrell. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: None

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 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (ECC)

concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, approved.” **A motion to approve was made by Representative McDermott, seconded by Representative Tallman. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion: Representative McDermott commented that the contract had expired in 2019, which means that parties will be back to the bargaining table next year. Representative Spolyar commented that the delay may have been a combination of COVID plus the opening of the ECC and merging with Westport.

5. 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 \$508,445 for the Costs of a Nonrecurring Capital Project and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation,’ consisting of three pages, be, and hereby is, approved.” **Subject to Board of Finance approval at its 2/16/2022 meeting.

Discussion : Representative McDermott commented that he watched the BOS meeting on this topic, and that there had been some discussion about pulling the bridge project out of bonding. He shared his opinion that the \$150k for the bridge project shouldn’t be bonded and could be paid for using general funds. He stated that he would be abstaining in order to get more information on whether or not this would be a possibility.

A motion to approve was made by Representative Durrell, seconded by Representative Berecz. The motion carried 5-0-1.

Members	Vote
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	Abstain
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	(Absent)
Peter Tallman, District 8	In favor
Alex Durrell, District 3	In favor

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “RESOLVED, that the Bond Appropriation entitled, ‘A Resolution Appropriating \$3,717,899 for the Costs of Certain Nonrecurring Capital Projects and

Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,' consisting of three pages, be, and hereby is, approved." **Subject to Board of Finance approval at its 2/16/2022 meeting.

Discussion: Representative Berecz expressed that he has concerns about the Lake Mohegan project, and that, given the extent of the storm damage there, it seems unlikely that the scope of project will be sufficient. He shared concern that it was a potentially dangerous situation, and that he would be abstaining until hearing more from the full presentation. Representative Spolyar questioned whether taking this item out of the bond appropriation would delay all other projects as well. She also stated that she would be abstaining in order to have an opportunity to hear from the Conservation Director. **A motion to approve the item was made by Representative McDermott, seconded by Representative Durrell. The motion failed 2-0-4.**

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	(Absent)
Peter Tallman, District 8	In favor
Alex Durrell, District 3	In favor

7. 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.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Horton, and seconded by Representative Berecz. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Horton
Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee
February 24, 2022

Finance Committee of the RTM
February 22, 2022

The meeting cannot be recorded due to technical difficulties. Attempted multiple times and the conferencing service would not record.

Time meeting called to order: 9:37pm

In attendance:

John Kuhn (D) - Absent	Secretary
Sharon Pistilli (D) - Present	Chair
Hal Schwartz (D) - Present	
Joseph Siebert (D) - Absent	Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Zezima (D) - Present	
Ed Bateson R - Absent	
Melissa Longo R - Present	
Amy Ruggiero R- Present	

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Motion to approve: Amy Ruggiero

Seconded by: Liz Zezima

Discussion: None

In favor: Item passes unanimously

Opposed: (none)

Abstained: (none)

7. 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 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (ECC) concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, approved."

Motion to approve: Hal Schwartz

Seconded by: Amy Ruggiero

Discussion: No discussion

In favor: Item passes unanimously

Opposed: (none)

Abstained: (none)

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Motion to approve: Amy Ruggiero
Seconded by: Hal Schwartz
Discussion: No discussion

In favor: Item passes unanimously
Opposed: (none)
Abstained: (none)

9. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance*: "RESOLVED, that the Bond Appropriation entitled, 'A Resolution Appropriating \$3,717,899 for the Costs of Certain Nonrecurring Capital Projects and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation,' consisting of three pages, be, and hereby is, approved." *Subject to Board of Finance approval at its 2/16/2022 meeting

Motion to approve: Liz Zezima
Seconded by: Amy Ruggiero

Hal Schwartz: If we are spending \$1M on a boiler system, should it be placed in the same spot on the second floor? What would be involved in moving the boiler to a spot where it would be easier to work on? Rep. Schwartz has follow up questions, as this is an issue we have been facing for 18 years.

Melissa Longo: Is there a way to find out why the boiler is where it is, and so can we figure it out while we replace this system?

Hal Schwartz indicated that the original architect's renderings of the building placed the systems on the second floor.

In favor: Sharon Pistilli, Liz Zezima
Opposed: (none)
Abstained: Hal Schwartz, Amy Ruggiero, Melissa Longo

Motion to Adjourn: Hal Schwartz
Seconded: Melissa Longo
Item passed unanimously

Time meeting adjourned: 9:48pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Rep. Sharon Pistilli - District 3
Chair, Finance Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2022 @ 9:33 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 9:33 PM on February 22, 2022 remotely.

II. Roll call

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

III. Items on the Call

- a) Item #5 on the Call (Approval of minutes from last meeting):

T. Lambert provided the minutes from the last meeting. K. Wackerman moved and J. Vergara 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 #6 on the Call (Appointment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission):

Motion to consider appointment to Solid Waste and Recycling Commission of J Kirstin M. Etela, moved by K. Wackerman seconded by J. Steele.

Representative Wackerman commented on the fact that Ms. Etela appeared very qualified. Representative Steele agreed.

A vote was called as to Kirstin M. Etela, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c) Item #7 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 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (ECC) concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 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.

- d) Item #8 on the 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 \$508,445 for the Costs of a Nonrecurring Capital Project and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation,’ consisting of three pages, be, and hereby is, approved.”

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

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

- e) Item #9 on the Call, To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:

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Motion to consider the resolution, moved by T. Lambert, seconded by D. Georgiadis.

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

K. Wackerman moved to adjourn. J. Garskof seconded. Motion passed unanimously. J. Garskof adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Lambert

Minutes of the Public Health & Safety committee

Conference Call Bridge 3

February 22, 2022

Present: Laura Karson, Hank Ference, Marty Furey, and Cindy Perham

Absent: Jeff Galdenzi, Hannah Gale, Will Diaz, and Stori Tallman

Meeting called to order by Rep Karson 9:21 pm

As we did not have a quorum, we could not act, but we discussed all the following items.

6. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Kirstin M. Etela (D) 90 South Pine Creek Road, Term Nov. 2018 - 2022 (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Guy Gleysteen)

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9. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance:
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Meeting adjourned 9:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Cindy Perham

Public Works & Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 22, 2022



I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Public Works & Planning Committee Meeting is called to order at 9:35 pm on February 22, 2022 via bridge call. 1.516.597.9432-4

II. Roll call

Representative Havey conducted a roll call.

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

III. Approval of minutes from January RTM Meeting

Representative Havey provided the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept the minutes by Representative McCormack, seconded by Representative Brown. Motion carries unanimously.

IV. Items on the Call

2/6. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Kirstin M. Etela (D) 90 South Pine Creek Road, Term Nov. 2018 - 2022 (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Guy Gleysteen)

Motion made by Representative McCormack to accept appointment as presented. Seconded by Representative Astarita. Motion carries unanimously.

3/7. 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 Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (ECC) concerning conditions of employment for the period commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 be, and hereby is, approved."

Motion made by Representative McCormack to approved as presented. Seconded by Representative Brown. Motion carries unanimously.

7/8. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance*:
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Motion made by Representative McCormack to approve as presented. Seconded by Representative Wolk.

Discussion: Representative McCormack stated that Fairfield needs to spend in order to keep facilities up to snuff. Representative Brown added that trust with cost benefits analysis are needed for decision process. Committee members were in agreement. Further discussion on how the capital Budget process works.

Motion carries unanimously.

9. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance*:
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Motion made by Representative McCormack to approve as presented. Seconded by Representative Brown.

Discussion was similar to agenda item #8 about bond funding. Adding that site tours would be helpful and that mold at Jacky Durrell Pavilion is a legitimate concern.

Motion carries unanimously.

V. Committee discussion

Representative Havey asked about the responsibilities of the committee as related to the list of responsibilities listed for the Public Works & Planning Standing Committee as stated on the Fairfield website. Representative Brown asked about which town meetings would be appropriate for committee members to cover. Representative McCormack stated that there was no obligation to attend any other meetings related to committee charge and that members are appointed to the committee to represent their constituents. Representative Astarita added that meetings are recorded and can be accessed by any committee member that has an interest.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Representative McCormack and seconded by Representative Wolk.

Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Lisa Havey, DPW Committee Secretary, February 22, 2022.