

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
January 24, 2022**

A special meeting of the Town of Fairfield was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 8 PM via Webex.

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by Moderator Mark McDermott.

PRESENT: 36 ABSENT: 4 VACANCY: 0

PRESENT: Bateson, Longo, Monahan, Ruggiero, McCormack, Perham, Durrell, Galdenzi, Lambert, Pistilli, Karson, Kelly, Zezima, Spolyar, Diaz, Garskof, Siebert, Wolk, Berecz, Graceffa, Havey, Kuhn, McDermott, Vergara, Wackerman, Ference, Iacono, Messina, P. Tallman, Brown, Horton, Scinto, Astarita, Britton, Petise, S. Tallman

ABSENT: Schwartz, Steele, Gale, Georgiadis

ITEM NO. 1 ON CALL: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moderator McDermott led the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: The Moderator reported that item number 5 was eligible for the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Item number 5 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 2 ON CALL: LEASE REPORT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

This report was received in Committee.

ITEM NO. 3 ON CALL: CONDEMNTATION & BLIGHT REPORT

This report was received in Committee.

ITEM NO. 4 ON CALL: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 & JANUARY 3, 2022

Amendment: Jill Vergara moved the following amendment to the January 3 special meeting minutes, duly seconded and carried with 34 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions (Bateson, McCormack).

Pg. 3, par. 9, sentence 1 add “but is concerned about process issues.” Following “June”; sentence 3 add “irrigation” following “scoreboard” and insert “and did not follow purchasing procedures” after “remediation”.

Par. 4 sentence 2 change “reiterated” to “said”. Insert sentence 3, she wanted to see those bids for perimeter fencing, bathrooms, irrigation, that’s what she thought Rep. Galdenzi asked for.”

Pg. 2 typo in par 5, Marc should be Marcy.

VOTE: The minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting and the amended minutes of the January 3, 2022 special meeting were approved with 34 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions (Bateson, McCormack).

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ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF JAMES B BROWN (R) TERM NOV 2021-2026
TO THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD

This item was on the Consent Calendar

ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY S. WARREN (R) ALTERNATE TO
THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, TERM NOV. 2021-
2023

Cindy Perham, District 2 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Mr. Warren explained he was a lifelong boater and interested in protecting the harbor. He feels he is well suited to serve on the Commission.

VOTE: Jeffrey Warren's appointment to the Harbor Management Commission was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: APPOINTMENT OF KATHRYN GUSSEN (D) & JUDITH M.
SZABLAK (R) TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
TERM BEING BAA HEARING & DECISION SESSIONS DURING
2022

Karen Wackerman, District 7 moved this item as distributed with the Call, duly seconded.

Ms. Gussen explained she had served on the Board for six years, four as Chair, and knows the time commitment necessary for the hearings.

VOTE: The appointments of Kathryn Gussen & Judy Szablak to the Board of Assessment Appeals were approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

The SLMC met this evening to populate the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee. Cindy Perham announced the following members of the Democratic caucus Jill Vergara, Mark McDermott and herself would serve. Pamela Iacono announced that Hannah Gale and Veronica Monahan would serve from the Republican caucus.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk