

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx
October 16, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 10:53 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members	Present/Absent
Mark A. McDermott, District 7	Absent
Marcy Spolyar, District 4	Present
Margaret Horton, District 9	Present
Steve M. Berez, District 6	Present
Lisa Havey, District 6	Present
Kelly Scinto, District 9	Absent
Cameron Choniski, District 8	Absent
Brooke Sparacino, District 10	Absent

There was not a quorum present, so meeting could not be held.

Respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Horton
Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee
October 16, 2023

The RTM Finance Committee meeting will held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM

In attendance

Jim, Liz, Sharon, John, Amy

Melissa, Joe, Bill- not in attendance

10:56 called to order

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

“WHEREAS, on June 27, 2022, the RTM approved \$300,000 for the design of the Fairfield Beach Pump Station including the force main; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, the RTM approved \$300,000 for the design of the Center Street Pump Station including the force main; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2022, the RTM approved \$300,000 for the design of the South Pine Creek Pump Station including the force main; and

WHEREAS, the WPCA has determined that the design of the three pump stations is more efficiently conducted as a single project; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for grant funding, the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) requires additional investigation of conditions relating to the pump stations, as well as the hiring of a qualified design consultant under DEEP’s Quality Based Selection (QBS) Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated additional cost to be in compliance with the QBS Program and to be eligible for grant funding is \$336,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the recommendation of the WPCA, the previous three authorizations of \$300,000 each in funding for the design of Fairfield Beach, Center Street, and South Pine Creek Pump Stations and force mains are combined, and that \$336,000 is added to the authorization to create a single appropriation of WPCA fund balance in the amount of \$1,236,000 (Phase I) to design the pump stations and comply with DEEP’s QBS Program.”

Motion to approve - John; Second-Jim

Discussion - none

In favor - all

Opposed - none

Abstentions - none

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

“RESOLVED, that in accordance with a recommendation from the WPCA, funding of up to \$235,000 from the WPCA fund balance for Quality Based Selection (QBS) of a design consultant for Toll House, Mill River, Eastfield, and Willow Street pump stations and force mains investigation (Phase II) be, and hereby is, approved.”

Motion to approve - Liz; Second – Amy

Discussion - none

In favor - all

Opposed - none

Abstentions - none

6. 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 \$6,286,480 for the Cost of Roof Replacement Projects at Holland Hill Elementary School and North Stratfield Elementary School and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance such Appropriation,' be, and hereby is, approved."

Motion to approve - Jim; Second - Liz

Discussion:

Liz - why does one have contingency and others no? No one recalled. Holland hill doesn't have one and North Stratfield does

In favor - all

Opposed - none

Abstentions - none

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

"RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Board of Education of the Town of Fairfield to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Holland Hill Partial Roof Replacement Project at Holland Hill Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Holland Hill Elementary School Roof Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Holland Hill Partial Roof Replacement Project at Holland Hill Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Holland Hill Partial Roof Replacement Project at Holland Hill Elementary School."

Skip - not a voting item

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

"RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfield authorizes the Board of Education of the Town of Fairfield to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the North Stratfield Roof Replacement Project at North Stratfield Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Stratfield Elementary School Roof Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the North Stratfield Roof Replacement Project at North Stratfield Elementary School; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfield hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the North Stratfield Roof Replacement Project at North Stratfield Elementary School."

Skip, see item 7 for reason

9. To hear, consider and act upon a Safe and Livable Streets Ordinance, sponsored by Bill Gerber, District 2; Cynthia Perham, District 2; Jeff A. Galdenzi, District 3; Tom Lambert, District 3; Sharon Pistilli, District 3; Laura Karson, District 4; Michelle Lapine McCabe, District 4; Elizabeth A. Zezima, District 4; Marcy Spolyar, District 4; Jennifer Barahona, District 5; Joe

Siebert, District 5; Jay Wolk, District 5; Steve Berez ,District 6; Andrew Graceffa ,District 6; Lisa Havey, District 6; John K. Kuhn, District 7; Mark McDermott, District 7; Jill Vergara, District 7; Karen Wackerman, District 7; Christine Brown, District 9; Dru Georgiadis, District 9; and Margaret Horton, District 9.

Motion to approve - Liz; Second - Amy

Discussion about voting and consent calendar.

Liz - as a co-sponsor discusses changes. She's more supportive now than at the beginning of the process; comfortable with it now and would welcome appropriate tweaks.

Sharon - abstaining but waiting for more info and will support vote next week.

Amy - abstain. notes appreciation for amount of work, thinks more necessary. If Atty. Jim Baldwin supports might have different opinion for vote next week.

In favor - Liz, John,

Opposed - none

Abstain - Jim, Sharon, Amy

Motion to adjourn - Jim

Second - Amy

Adjourned at 11:06

COMMITTEE MEETING LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION
MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2023 @ 10:55 PM

Members: J. Steele, E. Bateson, A. Ruggiero, J. Garskof, K. Wackerman, J. Vergara, D. Georgiadis, T. Lambert

1.Call to order

J. Garskof called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative and Administration at 10:55PM on October 16, 2023.

2.Roll call

T. Lambert conducted a roll call. J. Garskof, K. Wackerman, and T. Lambert present. E. Bateson, A. Ruggiero, J. Steele, J. Vergara, and D. Georgiadis were absent. There was no quorum.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Lambert

Public Works and Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
October 16, 2023

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Wolk at 10:55 pm on Monday, October 16, 2023 at the Board of Education building, 501 Kings Highway East.

II. Roll call

Representative Brown conducted the roll call. The following persons were present:

Jay Wolk - Chair	Andrew Graceffa
Christine Brown	Michelle McCabe
Ken Astarita	Karen McCormack
Peter Britton	

Alex Durrell was absent.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the August 21, 2023 were circulated and approved as drafted.

IV. Items on the Warning

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Rep. McCormack moved to approve both items 4 and 5 on the Warning, duly seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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Rep. Astarita moved to approve Holland Hill and North Stratfield roof resolutions #6, 7 and 8 together.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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Rep. Graceffa moved to approve the motion, duly seconded.

Discussion:

Rep. Astarita has concerns. The discussion tonight gave him a better understanding. There are some aspects he’s not comfortable with, in particular capital expenditures and exceptions committing the town to uncertain expenditures. He would like to see an analysis done over the next 12 mos. to see what those expenses might be.

Rep. McCabe questioned the procedure whereby we couldn’t have conversations offline to work out disagreements.

Rep. Astarita said both our leaderships need to work together better to do that.

Rep. Britton said a comparison is the Noise Ordinance update. There was half a year of discussion. He thinks the concept of safe streets is a no brainer. This is coming from a place where everyone is in agreement.

Rep. Astarita thinks we can’t act hastily.

Rep. McCabe said we’re looking at a town that has changed a lot since the Complete Streets policy was originally put in place in 2018.

Rep. Britton said he’s lived here since the 70’s and Redding Rd. has been that way since the 50’s. These kind of roads have been a consistent problem throughout CT and New England.

Reps. Astarita and Britton think it’s important to have Atty. Baldwin weigh in.

VOTE: The motion passed with 4 voting in favor (Brown, Graceffa, McCabe and Wolk) and 3 opposed (Astarita, Britton, McCormack).

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rep. McCabe, duly seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brown, Secretary

Browne, Betsy

From: Laura Karson <laurarkarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 11:30 PM
To: McDermott, Mark A.; Browne, Betsy
Subject: Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 10/16/2023

Please be advised that the Public Health and Safety Committee did not have a quorum. Those in attendance were Laura Karson, Hannah Gale and Jennifer Barahona. Those who were not in attendance were Jeff Galdenzi, Hank Ference, Stori Tallman, Marty Furey and Cindy Perham.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Karson, Chair of the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Sent from my iPhone