

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting  
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx  
July 15, 2024  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting Called to Order at 8:25 via WebEx

**Roll Call**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Steve Berez, District 7	Present
Myke Hartigan, District 3	Absent
Lisa Havey, District 6	Present
Margaret Horton, District 10	Present
Kristin O'Neill, District 5	Present
Chris Shea, District 2	Present
Brooke Sparacino, District 1	Absent
Cindy Waldron, District 3	Absent

2. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: "RESOLVED, that in accordance with a request from the Conservation Director, the Town accept a donation of land at 470 and 700 Westway Road from Westway Road LLC."

**A motion to approve was made by Representative Berez, seconded by Representative Horton. The motion carried unanimously.**

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

WHEREAS, the Conservation Department desires to acquire 798 and 816 Sturges Road for use by the Town for educational, recreational, and conservation purposes; and WHEREAS, the owner of 798 and 816 Sturges Road desires to sell the properties to the Town for the sum of \$950,000; and WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and RTM previously appropriated \$350,000 in ARPA funds towards this project; and WHEREAS, the Town desires to

appropriate an additional \$100,000 over the purchase price to complete anticipated work and renovations at the properties to prepare them for use by the Town; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that First Selectman William A. Gerber is authorized to enter into the purchase and sale agreement between the Town of Fairfield and Juan Velez to purchase 798 and 816 Sturges Road for \$950,000 and execute any and all other documents necessary to complete the Town's purchase; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen hereby appropriates an additional \$150,000 from the H. Smith Richardson Trust fund for the project, as previously approved by the Conservation Commission; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen appropriates an additional \$550,000 from the Town's Payment of Fee In Lieu of Open Space fund, established under Section 2.3.8 of the Town's Subdivision Regulations, for a total appropriation for the project of \$1,050,000." \*This item is subject to approval by the Board of Finance at their meeting to be held July 16, 2024.

**A motion was made to approve by Representative O'Neill, seconded by Representative Berez. The motion carried 4/0/1.**

Discussion- Rep. Shea would like to know more about operating costs, Rep. Berez discussed how many schools use the Mill River facilities and this should generate more revenue.

Members	Y/N/A
Steve Berez, District 7	Y
Myke Hartigan, District 3	Absent
Lisa Havey, District 6	Y
Margaret Horton, District 10	Y
Kristin O'Neill, District 5	Y
Chris Shea, District 2	A
Brooke Sparacino, District 1	Absent
Cindy Waldron, District 3	Absent

5. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectman: "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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2028 be, and hereby is, ratified."

Withdrawn

6. To consider and act upon amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 95-7 to Section 97-15.4 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee.

**A motion to approve was made by Representative Shea, seconded by Representative Havey. The motion carried unanimously.**

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Havey, and seconded by Representative Berez. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Kristin O'Neill  
Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee  
July 16, 2024

RTM Legislation & Administration Committee Meeting  
The Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT  
July 15, 2024, 8:26pm  
Minutes

Members in Attendance: Ken Astarita, Justin Contratto, Josh Garskof, Michelle McCabe, Pierre Ratzki, Karen Wackerman

Members Absent: Kerry Bercham, Jeff Steele

Other Officials in Attendance: Charles Abercrombie, Flood and Erosion Control Board Member

**1. Agenda Item 7:**

- Mr. Abercrombie presented a proposed ordinance (p. 71 of the agenda backup) to reform the Flood and Erosion Control Board pursuant to the amended state law (Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 25-84)
  - The ordinance would make the following changes to the Board:
    - Change the name to the “Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board”
    - Increase the number of members from 5 to 7
    - Add 3 alternate members
- Discussion:
  - Member Garskof asked Mr. Abercrombie to explain the Board’s mission
    - Answer – to originate, manage, direct, and supervise various flood prevention, climate resilience & erosion control projects on behalf of the town
  - Member Astarita asked whether the amended state law expanded the Board’s authorities
    - Answer – no, the Board retains the same powers
  - Member McCabe asked whether the scope of the Board’s work would expand, particularly in the area of climate resilience
    - Answer – the focus on climate resilience will increase, but it has already been part of the mission
- Motion to move the ordinance to the full body:
  - Motion:
    - Member Astarita
  - Second:
    - Member McCabe
  - Vote:
    - Unanimous

**2. Agenda Item 3:**

- The Committee considered approval of agenda item 3:

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

“RESOLVED, that in accordance with a request from the Conservation Director, the Town accept a donation of land at 470 and 700 Westway Road from Westway Road LLC.”

- Motion to approve item:

- Motion:
  - Member Astarita
- Second:
  - Member McCabe
- Discussion:
  - None
- Vote:
  - Unanimous

**3. Agenda Item 4:**

- The Committee considered approval of agenda item 4:

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

“WHEREAS, the Conservation Department desires to acquire 798 and 816 Sturges Road for use by the Town for educational, recreational, and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the owner of 798 and 816 Sturges Road desires to sell the properties to the Town for the sum of \$950,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and RTM previously appropriated \$350,000 in ARPA funds towards this project; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen appropriates an additional \$550,000 from the Town’s Payment of Fee In Lieu of Open Space fund, established under Section 2.3.8 of the Town’s Subdivision Regulations, for a total appropriation for the project of \$1,050,000.”

- Motion to approve item:
  - Motion:
    - Member McCabe
  - Second:
    - Member Contratto
  - Discussion:
    - Member Astarita voiced his concerns with approving the expenditure without any projection of long-term cost
      - Member Wackerman expressed the same concerns

- Member McCabe, while acknowledging the concerns, noted that the body would, at this time, only be approving the purchase of the land, which is a rare opportunity to acquire property abutting an open space
  - Member Garskof echoed Member McCabe's sentiments
- Vote:
  - In favor:
    - Members Contratto, Garskof, McCabe, and Ratzki
  - Against:
    - None
  - Abstentions:
    - Members Astarita and Wackerman

#### **4. Agenda Item 6:**

- The Committee considered approval of agenda item 6:

To consider and act upon amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 95-7 to Section 97-15.4 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee.

- Motion to approve item:
  - Motion:
    - Member Astarita
  - Second:
    - Member Ratzki
  - Discussion:
    - None
  - Vote:
    - Unanimous

#### **5. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by: Pierre Ratzki, Secretary, Leg. & Ad. Committee

**Browne, Betsy**

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**From:** Rob Blanchard <robblanchardrtm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 15, 2024 8:31 PM  
**To:** Browne, Betsy; Spolyar, Marcy; Pistilli, Sharon  
**Subject:** Fairfield RTM Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - July 15, 2024

Hi Betsy,

Unfortunately we did not reach a quorum for the Finance Committee at tonight's meeting, therefore there was no action taken or minutes to take. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

Best,

Rob

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## RTM Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting

Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx July 15, 2024

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 8:25

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Members

##### Present/Absent

Laura Karson D4 Present

Jennifer Barahona D6 Absent

Scott Nickel D7 Present

Tara Cook-Littman D2 Absent

Marcy Spolyar D4 Present

Cindy Wapnitsky D4 Present

Mark McDermott D9 Absent

Christine Ludwiczak D8 Absent

According to RTM rules we do not have a Quorum.

Motion to Adjourn by Cindy Wapnitsky.

Seconded by Marcy Spolyar

Meeting ended at 8:26

Secretarial duties by Scott Nickel.



# *Public Works and Planning Committee*

## *Meeting Minutes*

July 15, 2024

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

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Georgiadis at 8:26 pm

### **II. Roll call.**

Representative Carroll conducted the roll call. The following members were present:

Present

- **Jay Wolk**
- **Dru Georgiadis (Chairperson)**
- **Johnathan Delgado (remote)**
- **Nancy Donne**
- **Chris Carroll (Secretary) (remote)**
- **Collin Colburn**
- **Absent**
- **Peter Britton (Vice Chairman)**

### **ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Representative Donne to approve the Minutes from the June 24, 2024 RTM Meeting, duly seconded by Representative Colburn

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: "RESOLVED, that in accordance with a request from the Conservation Director, the Town accept a donation of land at 470 and 700 Westway Road from Westway Road LLC."

Representative Donne made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Representative Colburn.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Motion to wave the reading by Representative Carroll, Seconded by Representative Donne.

Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Representative Wolk to approve the motion, duly seconded by Representative Colburn.

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. To consider and act upon the following resolution recommended by the First Selectman:

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Removed from the agenda prior to the meeting

6. To consider and act upon amendments to the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Ordinance, Section 95-7 to Section 97-15.4 of Chapter 95, Article III, of the Code of the Town of Fairfield, sponsored by the Senior & Disabled Tax Relief Committee.

A motion was made by Representative Wolk to approve agenda item #6, seconded by Representative Georgiadis

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. The Moderator has referred an ordinance establishing a Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board, sponsored by Peter Britton, District 1; Liz Zezima, District 4; and Sharon Pistilli, District 5, to the Legislation and Administration Committee, under Rule 32 of the RTM Rules to Regulate

No action necessary

### **III. New business**

No new business was presented.

### **IV. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Representative Wolk duly seconded by Representative Colburn and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Chris Carroll, Secretary