

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx
January 22, 2024
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 9:45

2. Roll Call

Members	Present/Absent
Steve Berez, District 7	Present
Myke Hartigan, District 3	Present
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	Present- Webex
Cindy Waldron, District 3	Absent

3. To consider and act upon the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2023.

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

4. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Jeffrey A. Galdenzi (D) 118 Green Knolls Lane (To fill vacancy created by the election of Jason Li (R) to the Board of Education)

A motion to approve was made by Representative O'Neill, seconded by Representative Havey. The motion carried unanimously.

5. To consider and act upon the following appointments to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Elham Fatehi (U), 98 Flora Boulevard, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2027 Ronald Blumenfeld (D), 1185 Stillson Road, Term Nov. 2022 - Nov. 2026* (*To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Kirstin M. Etela (D))

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

6. To consider and act upon the following reappointment to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Arthur N. Gravanis (U), 2829 Bronson Road, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2028

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

7. To consider and act upon the following reappointment of an Alternate Member to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: James P. Bohan (R), 51 Station Street, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2028

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

8. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: George E. Clark, Jr. (R), 174 Old South Road, Term Nov. 2021 - Nov. 2026 (Alternate to Full Member to fill vacancy created by the election of Christopher Shea (R) to the RTM)

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

9. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the FairTV Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Susanne Teitell (R), 43 Hunter Lane, Term Jul. 2023 - Jul. 2026 (To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Anne Marie Lagnese (R))

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

10. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees' Retirement Board as recommended by the First Selectman: Carolyn L. Trabuco (D) 111 Lookout Drive South, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2028 REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
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A motion to approve was made by Representative O'Neill, seconded by Representative Havey. The motion carried unanimously.

11. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: "RESOLVED, that upon a recommendation by the Board of Selectmen, the resolution entitled, 'A Resolution Appropriating \$3,729,800 For The Costs Associated With The Replacement Of The Duck Farm Road Bridge, Authorizing Grants To Reimburse \$2,983,840 Of Such Appropriation And Authorizing The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance A Portion Of Such Appropriation,' be amended and restated so as the appropriation be increased to \$3,819,176, the grant authorization be increased to \$3,023,341, and the bond authorization be increased to \$795,835."

A motion to approve was made by Representative Berecz, seconded by Representative Hartigan. The motion carried unanimously.

12. To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: "RESOLVED, that the resolution entitled, 'A Resolution Appropriating An Additional \$1,429,950 For Costs Related To Construction, Remediation, And Addressing The Notices Of Violation At Penfield Pavilion,' be, and hereby is, approved."

A motion to approve was made by Representative Berecz, seconded by Representative Hartigan. The motion carried 4/0/3 .

Members	Y/N/A
Steve Berecz, District 7	A
Myke Hartigan, District 3	Y
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	A
Cindy Waldron, District 3	Absent

13. To form the RTM Special Committee on Energy Initiatives.

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

14. No other matters were presented.

15. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristin O'Neill
Secretary, Ed & Rec Committee
January 23, 2024

RTM Finance Committee Meeting
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx
Monday, January 22, 2024
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 9:47 pm.

2. Roll Call

Members/District	Present/Absent
Melissa Longo-D 1	Present
Dave Rock-D 2	Present
Amy O'Shea-D 2	Absent
Liz Zezima-D 4	Present
Sharon Pistilli-D 5	Present
Rob Blanchard-D 6	Present
John Kuhn-D 7	Present
Matt Abrose-D 10	Absent

8. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the HVAC Indoor Air Quality Building Committee as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Jeffrey A. Galdenzi (D) 118 Green Knolls Lane (To fill vacancy created by the election of Jason Li (R) to the Board of Education)

Motion to Approve: Liz Zezima

Second: John Kuhn

Discussion: Melissa Longo: Did anyone else apply? Response: We do not know.

Vote: Unanimous

9. To consider and act upon the following appointments to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

- Elham Fatehi (U), 98 Flora Boulevard, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2027
- Ronald Blumenfeld (D), 1185 Stillson Road, Term Nov. 2022 - Nov. 2026*

(*To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Kirstin M. Etela (D))

Motion to Approve: Dave Rock

Second: John Kuhn

Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

10. To consider and act upon the following reappointment to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

- **Arthur N. Gravanis (U), 2829 Bronson Road, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2028**

Motion to Approve: Rob Blanchard
Second: Dave Rock
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

11. To consider and act upon the following reappointment of an Alternate Member to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

- **James P. Bohan (R), 51 Station Street, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2028**

Motion to Approve: Melissa Longo
Second: John Kuhn
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

12. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Historic District Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

- **George E. Clark, Jr. (R), 174 Old South Road, Term Nov. 2021 - Nov. 2026**

(Alternate to Full Member to fill vacancy created by the election of Christopher Shea (R) to the RTM)

Motion to Approve: Dave Rock
Second: Rob Blanchard
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

13. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the FairTV Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Susanne Teitell (R), 43 Hunter Lane, Term Jul. 2023 - Jul. 2026

(To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Anne Marie Lagnese (R))

Motion to Approve: Dave Rock
Second: Liz Zezima
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

14. To consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees' Retirement Board as

recommended by the First Selectman:

Carolyn L. Trabuco (D) 111 Lookout Drive South, Term Nov. 2023 - Nov. 2028

Motion to Approve: John Kuhn
Second: Melissa Longo
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

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

“RESOLVED, that upon a recommendation by the Board of Selectmen, the resolution entitled, ‘A Resolution Appropriating \$3,729,800 For The Costs Associated With The Replacement Of The Duck Farm Road Bridge, Authorizing Grants To Reimburse \$2,983,840 Of Such Appropriation And Authorizing The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance A Portion Of Such Appropriation,’ be amended and restated so as the appropriation be increased to \$3,819,176, the grant authorization be increased to \$3,023,341, and the bond authorization be increased to \$795,835.”

Motion to Approve: Dave Rock

Second: John Kuhn

Discussion: Melissa: It’s a significant increase. People in the district are concerned, huge disruption, having problems, hoping that it would not have to cost anymore money.
Liz: It’s a \$10,000 increase.

Vote: Unanimous

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

“RESOLVED, that the resolution entitled, ‘A Resolution Appropriating An Additional \$1,429,950 For Costs Related To Construction, Remediation, And Addressing The Notices Of Violation At Penfield Pavilion,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

Motion to Approve: Liz Zezima

Second: Dave Rock

Discussion: Rob: That’s a lot of money to spend.

Liz: We did the calculation, 12% contingency, hoping there isn’t additional funding on top of that.

Dave: Hopefully we will get some of the money back.

Melissa: Those who were responsible for the fill pile mess should be the ones to pay.

Vote: Unanimous

17. To form the RTM Special Committee on Energy Initiatives.17. To form the RTM Special Committee on Energy Initiatives.

Motion to Approve: Dave Rock

Second: Melissa Longo

Discussion: Liz: It’s impressive we are the first in the state to do this.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Zezima, and seconded by Representative Longo. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Representative Rob Blanchard
Secretary, Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

RTM Legislation & Administration Committee Meeting
The Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT
January 22, 2024, 9:45pm
Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

1. Committee/Commission Appointments

- Member Astarita made a motion to combine consideration of agenda items 8-14, which concern the nominations of individuals to fill vacancies on various town Committees and Commissions
 - Second: Member McCabe
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion carried unanimously

- Approval of all nominations contained in items 8-14
 - Motion: Member Astarita
 - Second: Member McCabe
 - Discussion: None
 - Motion carried unanimously

2. Appropriations for the Bridge Replacement on Duck Farm Road

- Approval of agenda item 15:

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- Motion: Member Wackerman
- Second: Member Astarita
- Discussion: Members discussed the logistics of the project
- Motion carried unanimously

3. Additional Appropriations for the Penfield Pavilion Project

- Approval of agenda item 16:

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- Motion: Member Astarita
- Second: Member Ratzki
- Discussion: Members discussed the reasons for the cost increases, as detailed in First Selectman Gerber’s presentation
- Motion carried via the following votes:
 - In favor: Members Astarita, Berchem, Contratto, Garskof, Ratzki, Steele, and Wackerman
 - Opposed: None
 - Abstentions: Member McCabe

4. Adjournment

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

Public Works and Planning committee

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Public Works and Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman Georgiadis at 9:47pm on Monday, January 22, 2024, at the Board of Education Building, 501 Kings Highway East

II. Roll call.

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

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Representative Britton made the motion to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2023, RTM meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Graceffa.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Items on the agenda

Representative Graceffa moved to bundle items number 8 through number 14 as presented. The motion was seconded by representative Delgado.

Motion passed unanimously.

Representative Carroll moved to approve the appointments as outlined in item number 8 through 14 as presented. The motion was seconded by representative Britton.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Representative Britton moved to approve items 15 as presented. The motion was seconded by representative Georgiadis.

There was discussion regarding the expenses and there was a question regarding the original cost estimate . Bill Hurley stated during his presentation that the original bond was \$745,960 and that the additional cost to the Town of Fairfield would be approximately \$10,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Representative Georgiadis moved to approve items 13 as presented. The motion was seconded by representative Delgado .

Motion passed with

7 Yea votes,

- Jay Wolk
- Andy Graceffa
- Dru Georgiadis
- Johnathan Delgado
- Chris Carroll
- Peter Britton
- Colin Colburn

0 Ney votes and

1 abstention.

- Nancy Donne

V. New business

No new business was presented.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Representative Graceffa, duly seconded by Representative Donne and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Chris Carroll, Secretary

RTM Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx

January 22, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 9:44pm by Chairman Karson.

2. Roll Call

Members	Present/Absent
Laura Karson D4 - Chairman	Present
Jennifer Barahona D6 - Vice-Chairman	Present
Scott Nickel D7	Present
Tara Cook-Littman D2 - Secretary	Present
Marcy Spolyar D4	Present (Telephone)
Melissa Straus D3	Absent
Mark McDermott D9	Present
Christine Ludwiczak D8	Present

3. To consider and act upon the minutes of the December 11, 2023 RTM Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting.

A motion to approve was made by Representative Nickel, seconded by Representative Barahona. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion: None

4. To hear an address on the State of the Town by the First Selectman.

The First Selectman will present at the Regular RTM Meeting on January 29, 2024.

5. To receive the report from the First Selectman or his designee on leases of Town properties.

The Town Attorney will present at the Regular RTM Meeting on January 29, 2024.

6. To hear a report from the Blight Officer concerning condemnation and blight.

Discussion: None

7. To receive a report from the First Selectman or his designee regarding the recovery of costs related to properties with breaches of the peace, public disturbances and disorderly conduct.

Discussion: None

8. To hear a report from the Joint Retirement Investment Board.

Discussion: None

7. To consider and act upon the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2023.

No vote or discussion

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A motion to combine all appointments made by Representative Spolyar, seconded by Representative Barahona. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion: None

A motion to approve all appointments and reappointments in items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 made by Representative Barahona, seconded by Representative Cook-Littman. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion: None

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A motion to approve was made by Representative Spolyar, seconded by Representative McDermott. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion: None

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A motion to approve was made by Representative McDermott, seconded by Representative Karson. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion: None

18. To form the RTM Special Committee on Energy Initiatives.

A motion to approve was made by Representative McDermott, seconded by Representative Karson. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion: Representative Cook-Littman may be interested in joining the committee depending on when the meetings are held.

19. 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.

Discussion: None

20. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Spolyar, and seconded by Representative Karson. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark McDermott, Acting Secretary