

RTM Ed & Rec Committee Meeting  
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx  
June 17, 2024  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 pm.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Margaret Horton  
Chair, Ed & Rec Committee  
June 18, 2024

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD  
611 OLD POST ROAD  
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT 06824-6690  
(203) 256-3090

RTM Finance Committee Meeting  
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx  
Monday June 17, 2024  
Minutes

**Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 11:09 pm.

**Roll Call**

Members/District	Present/Absent
Melissa Longo-D 1	Absent
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	Absent
Matt Abrose-D 10	Present

5. To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments to the FairTV Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

David K. Kraft (U), 269 Home Fair Drive, Term July 2024 - 2027  
Paula J. Cocozza (D), 251 Inwood Road, Term July 2024 - 2027

**Motion to Split Agenda Items:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Rob Blanchard

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Motion to Approve David Kraft:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Liz Zezima

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Motion to Approve Paula Coccozza:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Rob Blanchard

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** 1 in Favor (Ambrose), 4 Abstain (Dave Rock, Liz Zezima, Sharon Pistilli and Rob Blanchard)

6. To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointment to the Ethics Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

William A. Diaz, III (D), 49 Melville Avenue, Term July 2024 - 2024

**Motion to Approve:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Liz Zezima

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Ethics Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

William B. Ferguson (R), 12 Reynolds Drive, Term July 2024 - 2026

**Motion to Approve:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Rob Blanchard

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

“RESOLVED, that the applications received under the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program are hereby approved, and that the Director of Community and Economic Development is hereby designated as the municipal liaison of the Town of Fairfield for this program.”

**Motion to Approve:** Rob Blanchard

**Second:** Dave Rock

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

“RESOLVED, that the Program Year 50 (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan be and hereby is approved in the amount of \$554,000, which includes entitlement grant funds of \$479,237 and program income of \$74,763; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that William A. Gerber, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to facilitate the Town’s receipt of these funds and participation in said CDBG Program.”

**Motion to Approve:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Rob Blanchard

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

10. RESOLVED, that the changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Town of Fairfield Employees' Retirement Plan adopted by the Employees Retirement Board on June 5, 2024 are rejected.

**Motion to Approve:** Liz Zezima

**Second:** Dave Rock

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote to Reject/Oppose:** Unanimous

11. 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 \$5,750,000 for Costs Associated With Planning, Design and Construction Related To the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project, Authorizing Grants to Finance \$2,500,000 of Such Appropriation, Authorizing Cost Share Reimbursements to Finance \$750,000 of Such Appropriation and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance the Remaining Portion of Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

**Motion to Approve:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Rob Blanchard  
**Discission:** No discussion  
**Vote:** Unanimous

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

“RESOLVED, that a reallocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds per the attached Exhibit A be, and hereby is, approved.”

**Motion to Approve:** Liz Zezima  
**Second:** Dave Rock  
**Discission:** No discussion  
**Vote:** Unanimous

13. To consider and act upon a motion to waive Rule 32 of the Rules to Regulate the RTM regarding the 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:** Rob Blanchard  
**Second:** Dave Rock  
**Discission:** Several items in L&A were discussed separately and we have this as one item, so we may need to make a motion to separate out these items (Sharon Pistilli)  
**Vote:** Unanimous

14. Ethics Ordinance, sponsored by Reps. Berchem, Karson, Wackerman and Zezima (held in Committee).

**Non-voting item**

15. To form a committee to review the Rules to Regulate the RTM.

**Motion to Approve:** Dave Rock  
**Second:** Rob Blanchard  
**Discission:** No discussion  
**Vote:** Unanimous

16. “RESOLVED, pursuant to Fairfield Charter Section 6.1(G)(1), the Board of Selectmen proposcs to the RTM that the RTM enact an ordinance that alters the organization of the

existing Flood and Erosion Control Board to be consistent with current State Statutes by (1) changing the name of the Board to the “Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board” (hereinafter “the Board”); (2) establishing that the Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, no more than four of whom shall be registered with the same political party; (3) establishing that, at the request of the Board, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint no more than three alternate members, no more than two of whom shall be registered with the same political party; and (4) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 477, Section 25-84, adopts the provisions of Chapter 477, Section 25-84 and Sections 25-85 to 25-94, inclusive, and authorizes the Board, within the limits of appropriations from time to time made by the municipality, to have and exercise the powers and duties conferred on such boards by the foregoing Sections of the General Statutes.”

**Non-voting item.**

17. “RESOLVED, that in accordance with Public Act 23-5 An Act Implementing Early Voting, the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Fairfield shall establish two polling locations for early voting.”

**Motion to Adjourn:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Liz Zezima

**Discussion:**

Liz Zezima: The duration of early voting is a plus.

Dave Rock: It also gives people options and the ability to vote at a convenient and central location (Zezima agreed). I do have some concerns about which locations will be chosen (which are not part of this agenda item).

**Vote:** Unanimous

18. 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.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Dave Rock

**Second:** Liz Zezima

**Discussion:** No discussion

**Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 pm.

Fairfield Representative Town Meeting  
MEETING OF LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 17, 2024

**I. Call to order**

Representative Garskof called to order the regular meeting of the Legislative and Administration at 11:05 PM.

Representative Wackerman conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Rep. Wackerman, Rep. Garskof, Rep. Astarita, Rep. McCabe and Rep. Bercham. Absent: Rep. Steele, Rep. Ratzki and Rep. Georgiadis.

**II. Items on the Call**

**Item 5:** To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments to the FairTV Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: \ David K. Kraft (U), 269 Home Fair Drive, Term July 2024 - 2027  
Paula J. Coccozza (D), 251 Inwood Road, Term July 2024 - 2027

**Item 6:** To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointment to the Ethics Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: William A. Diaz, III (D), 49 Melville Avenue, Term July 2024 – 2026.

**Item 7:** To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Ethics Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen: William B. Ferguson (R), 12 Reynolds Drive, Term July 2024 – 2026.

Representative Astarita moved to combine Items 5-7 for purposes of a vote and to approve all of those items. Representative McCabe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

“RESOLVED, that the applications received under the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program are hereby approved, and that the Director of Community and Economic Development is hereby designated as the municipal liaison of the Town of Fairfield for this program.”

Representative McCabe moved to approve this item, seconded by Representative Wackerman. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Item 9:** To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

“RESOLVED, that the Program Year 50 (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan be and hereby is approved in the amount of \$554,000, which includes entitlement grant funds of \$479,237 and program income of \$74,763; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that William A. Gerber, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to facilitate the Town’s receipt of these funds and participation in said CDBG Program.”

Representative McCabe moved to approve, seconded by Representative Astarita. The item was approved unanimously.

**Item 10:** RESOLVED, that the changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Town of Fairfield Employees' Retirement Plan adopted by the Employees Retirement Board on June 5, 2024 are rejected.

Representative McCabe moved to approve this item, seconded by Representative Wackerman. The motion was unanimously rejected.

**Item 11:** 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 \$5,750,000 for Costs Associated With Planning, Design and Construction Related To the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project, Authorizing Grants to Finance \$2,500,000 of Such Appropriation, Authorizing Cost Share Reimbursements to Finance \$750,000 of Such Appropriation and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance the Remaining Portion of Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”

Representative Wackerman moved to approve, seconded by Representative Astarita. The item was approved unanimously.

**Item 12:** To hear, consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Finance: “RESOLVED, that a reallocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds per the attached Exhibit A be, and hereby is, approved.”

Representative Astarita moved to approved the resolution, seconded by Representative Wackerman. The motion was approved, with Representative McCabe abstaining.

**Item 13:** To consider and act upon a motion to waive Rule 32 of the Rules to Regulate the RTM regarding the 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.



Representative Astarita moved to approve, seconded by Representative McCabe. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 15.** To form a committee to review the Rules to Regulate the RTM.

Representative McCabe moved to approve, seconded by Representative Astarita. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 16.** “RESOLVED, pursuant to Fairfield Charter Section 6.1(G)(1), the Board of Selectmen proposes to the RTM that the RTM enact an ordinance that alters the organization of the existing Flood and Erosion Control Board to be consistent with current State Statutes by (1) changing the name of the Board to the “Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board” (hereinafter “the Board”); (2) establishing that the Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, no more than four of whom shall be registered with the same political party; (3) establishing that, at the request of the Board, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint no more than three alternate members, no more than two of whom shall be registered with the same political party; and (4) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 477, Section 25-84, adopts the provisions of Chapter 477, Section 25-84 and Sections 25-85 to 25-94, inclusive, and authorizes the Board, within the limits of appropriations from time to time made by the municipality, to have and exercise the powers and duties conferred on such boards by the foregoing Sections of the General Statutes.”

Representative McCabe moved to approve, seconded by Representative Astarita. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 17.** “RESOLVED, that in accordance with Public Act 23-5 An Act Implementing Early Voting, the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Fairfield shall establish two polling locations for early voting.”

Representative Wackerman moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Representative Astarita. Representative McCabe voted yes, Representative Astarita voted no, and the remainder of those present abstained.

### **III. Adjournment**

Rep. Garskof adjourned the meeting at 11:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Wackerman

RTM Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting  
Board of Education Building, Kings Highway, Fairfield and via WebEx  
June 17, 2024  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 11:03 PM.

**2. Roll Call**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Laura Karson D4	Present
Jennifer Barahona D6	Present
Scott Nickel D7	Present
Tara Cook-Littman D2	Present
Marcy Spolyar D4	Present
Cindy Wapnitsky D4	Present
Mark McDermott D9	Present Webex
Christine Ludwiczak D8	Present

**1. To consider and act upon the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 29, 2024 and the Annual Budget Meeting held on May 6, 2024.**

**motion to consider made by Rep Scott Nickel 2nd by Rep Jen Barahona  
Motion passes with 5 yes and 3 abstentions  
Rep Tara Cook-Littman, Rep Laura Karson and Rep Cindy Wapnitsky Abstain**

**2. To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointments to the FairTV Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:  
David K. Kraft (U), 269 Home Fair Drive, Term July 2024 - 2027**

**Paula J. Coccozza (D), 251 Inwood Road, Term July 2024 - 2027**

**Motion to separate made by Rep Marcy Spolyar and 2nd by Rep Scott Nickel  
Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion to consider David Kraft made by Marcy Spolyar and 2nd by Scott Nickel  
Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion to Consider Paula made by Jen Barahona and 2nd by Marcy Spolyar  
Motions fails with one yes vote by Marcy Spolyar, and 7 abstentions by  
Representatives Laura Karson, Mark McDermott, Tara Cook-Littman, Cindy  
Wapnitsky, Jen Barahona, Christine Ludwiczak and Scott Nickel everyone else  
abstains**

**3. To hear, consider and act upon the following reappointment to the Ethics  
Commission as**

**recommended by the Board of Selectmen:**

**William A. Diaz, III (D), 49 Melville Avenue, Term July 2024 - 2024**

**Motion to consider appointment made by Rep Laura Karson, 2nd by Rep Christine  
Ludwiczak**

**Motion to amend and change the term termination from 2024 to 2026  
Made by Rep Mark McDermott makes and 2nd by Rep Tara Cook-Littman  
amendment passes unanimously**

**Motion to consider Mr. Diaz made by Rep Jen Barahona and 2nd by Rep Scott  
Nickel**

**Motion passes unanimously**

**4. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Ethics  
Commission as**

**recommended by the Board of Selectmen:**

**William B. Ferguson (R), 12 Reynolds Drive, Term July 2024 - 2026**

**motion to consider made by Rep Mark McDermott and 2nd by Rep Marcy Spolyar  
Motion passes unanimously**

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

**Selectmen:**

**“RESOLVED, that the applications received under the Neighborhood Assistance  
Act (NAA) Program are hereby approved, and that the Director of Community and**

Economic Development is hereby designated as the municipal liaison of the Town of Fairfield for this program.”

Motion to consider made by Rep Christine Ludwiczak and 2nd by Rep Laura Karson

Motion passes unanimously

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

Selectmen:

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that William A. Gerber, First Selectman of the Town of Fairfield, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all necessary documents

to facilitate the Town’s receipt of these funds and participation in said CDBG Program.”

Motion made to forego the reading of all remaining items made by Rep Cindy Wapnitsky and 2nd by Rep Laura Karson

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to consider made by Rep Tara Cook-Littman and 2nd by Rep Jen Barahona

Motion passes unanimously

7. RESOLVED, that the changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Town of Fairfield Employees’

Retirement Plan adopted by the Employees Retirement Board on June 5, 2024 are rejected.

Motion to consider made by Rep Mark McDermott and 2nd by Rep Jen Barahona

Discussion - voting no means we want to see the adoption of the new retirement plan.

Motion fails unanimously

8. 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 \$5,750,000 for Costs Associated With Planning, Design and Construction Related To the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project, Authorizing Grants to Finance \$2,500,000 of Such Appropriation, Authorizing Cost Share Reimbursements to Finance \$750,000 of Such Appropriation and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds to Finance the Remaining Portion of Such Appropriation,’ be, and hereby is, approved.”**

**Motion to consider made by Rep Scott Nickel and 2nd by Rep Marcy Spolyar  
Motion passes unanimously**

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

**“RESOLVED, that a reallocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds per the attached Exhibit A be, and hereby is, approved.”**

**Motion to consider made by Rep Marcy Spolyar and 2nd by Rep Mark McDermott  
Motion passes unanimously**

**10. To consider and act upon a motion to waive Rule 32 of the Rules to Regulate the RTM regarding the 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 consider made by Rep Jen Barahona and 2nd by Rep Christine Ludwiczak  
Motion passes unanimously**

**11. To form a committee to review the Rules to Regulate the RTM.**

**Motion to consider made by Rep Marcy Spolyar and 2nd by Rep Laura Karson  
Motion passes unanimously**

**12. “RESOLVED, pursuant to Fairfield Charter Section 6.1(G)(1), the Board of Selectmen**

**proposes to the RTM that the RTM enact an ordinance that alters the organization of the existing Flood and Erosion Control Board to be consistent with current State Statutes by (1) changing the name of the Board to the “Flood Prevention, Climate Resilience and Erosion Control Board”(hereinafter “the Board”); (2) establishing that the Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, no more than four of whom shall be registered with the**

same political party; (3) establishing that, at the request of the Board, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint no more than three alternate members, no more than two of whom shall be registered with the same political party; and (4) pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 477, Section 25-84, adopts the provisions of Chapter 477, Section 25-84 and Sections 25-85 to 25-94, inclusive, and authorizes the Board, within the limits of appropriations from time to time made by the municipality, to have and exercise the powers and duties conferred on such boards by the foregoing Sections of the General Statutes.”  
Motion to consider made by Rep Scott Nickel and 2nd by Rep Tara Cook-Littman  
Motion passes unanimously

13. “RESOLVED, that in accordance with Public Act 23-5 An Act Implementing Early Voting, the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Fairfield shall establish two polling locations for early voting.”  
Motion to consider made by Rep Tara Cook-Littman and 2nd by Rep Mark McDermott

Discussion - what is right number? 1,2 or 3 locations?

Motion fails  
Reps Scott Nickel and Cindy Wapnitsky vote yes  
Rep Christine Ludwiczak votes no  
Reps Jen Barahona, Marcy Spolyar, Mark McDermott, Laura Karson and Tara Cook-Littman Abstain

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14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rep Scott Nickel and 2nd by Rep Laura Karson.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tara Cook-Littman

*Public Works and Planning Committee*

*Meeting Minutes*

June 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by vice-Chairman, Peter Britton at 11:06 PM. Present were:

Peter Britton, Vice Chair

Chris Carroll (remote) Secretary

Jay Will

Johnathon Delgado

Colin Coburn

1. Item 5 on the agenda, Fair TV

- David Craft, Chris Carroll made the motion to approve, seconded by Jay Wolk
- unanimous approval
- Paula Cocuzza no motion

2. Item 6, Ethics Commission

- Mr Diaz, motion made to approve by Colin Coburn, seconded by Jay Wolk
- unanimous approval

3. Item 7, Ethics Commission

- William Ferguson, motion to approve made by Jay Wolk, seconded by Colin Coburn
- Unanimously approved

4. Item 8 Neighborhood assistance Act

- Motion to approve by Johnathon Delgado, seconded by Chris Carroll
- Unanimously approved

5. Item 9, Community Block Grant, \$554,000

- Motion to approve made by Jay Wolk, seconded by Colin Coburn.
- Unanimously approved
- Proposal to have Bill Gerber as administrator of Grant
- Motion to approve made by Colin Coburn, seconded by Jay Wolk.
- Unanimously approved

6. Item 10, Change to Rules and Regulations, Employee Retirement...

- Motion made by Chris Carroll, seconded by Johnathon Delgado
- Yes votes, 0
- No Vote 5, unanimous

7. Item 11, Rooster River

- Motion to approve, Jay Wolk, seconded by Colin Coburn
- Approved Unanimously

8. Item 12, ARPA reallocation

- Motion to approve by Colin Coburn, seconded by Jay Wolk
- Unanimously approved

9. Items 13 and 14 require no vote

10. Item 15, Rules to Regulate

- Motion to approve made by Peter Britton, seconded by Chris Carroll
- Unanimously approved

11. Item 16, Flood and Erosion Board, 4 items for review

- Motion made by Colin Coburn to approve all 4 items, seconded by Johnathon Delgado
- Unanimously approved

12. Item 17, Early voting locations. Two polling locations

- Motion to approve two locations made by Peter Britton, seconded by Jay Wolk.
- Yes, 1
- No, 3
- Abstention, 1

Motion to adjourn at 11:24pm made by Peter Britton, seconded by Colin Coburn Unanimously approved

Minutes submitted by Chris Carroll  
Secretary