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SECTION 5310 OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ACT'S ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT (THE FEDERAL SUBSIDY OF \$109,592 WILL BE MATCHED USING SENIOR CENTER DONATION FUNDS OF \$27,398.00); AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT FIRST SELECTMAN WILLIAM A. GERBER IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE, EXECUTE AND APPROVE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS OR AMENDMENTS THEREOF TO SECURE SAID GRANT."

Rob Blanchard, District 6 moved this item as distributed, duly seconded.

VOTE: The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 5 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "WHEREAS, ON AUGUST 1, 2023, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD RECEIVED A DONATION FROM THE STRATFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (SVA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR THE STRATFIELD STREETSCAPE (FOUR CORNERS) PROJECT; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD ACCEPTED THE \$150,000 DONATION; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN BE, AND HEREBY IS, AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SAID \$150,000 DONATION FROM SVA AND EXPEND THE DONATION TO FUND PROJECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STRATFIELD STREETSCAPE (FOUR CORNERS) PROJECT."

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 6 ON CALL: 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 \$2,760,480 FOR THE COSTS TO REPLACE THE FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,' BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 7 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (THE 'TOWN') HAS ADOPTED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ('WPCA'), A RESOLUTION ENTITLED, 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,760,480 FOR THE COSTS TO REPLACE THE FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION' (THE 'RESOLUTION'); AND WHEREAS, THE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATED \$2,760,480 FOR COSTS TO REPLACE THE FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD PUMP STATION FORCE MAIN (THE 'PROJECT') AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (THE 'BONDS') AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS (THE 'CWF OBLIGATIONS'); AND WHEREAS, WHILE THE TOWN IS LIABLE FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS, FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS

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AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS BE ALLOCATED TO THE WPCA; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN'S WPCA HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT AND THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE RESOLUTION; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AS IT BECOMES DUE SHALL BE PAID BY THE WPCA FROM ITS OWN FUNDS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE WPCA SHALL BE SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE "MOU") WITH THE TOWN SATISFACTORY TO FIRST SELECTMAN; AND THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE MOU ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN."

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 8 ON CALL:

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 \$4,500,000 FOR THE COSTS OF PHASE V OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY INFLOW AND INFILTRATION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,' BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED."

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 9 ON CALL:

TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: "WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (THE 'TOWN') HAS ADOPTED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ('WPCA'), A RESOLUTION ENTITLED 'A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$4,500,000 FOR THE COSTS OF PHASE V OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY INFLOW AND INFILTRATION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION' (THE 'RESOLUTION'); AND WHEREAS, THE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATED \$4,500,000 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PHASE V OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY INFLOW AND INFILTRATION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (THE 'PROJECT') AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (THE 'BONDS') AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS (THE CWF OBLIGATIONS'); AND WHEREAS, WHILE THE TOWN IS LIABLE FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS, FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS BE ALLOCATED TO THE WPCA; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN'S WPCA HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT AND THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE RESOLUTION; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AS IT BECOMES DUE SHALL BE PAID BY THE WPCA FROM ITS OWN FUNDS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE WPCA SHALL BE SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE "MOU") WITH THE TOWN SATISFACTORY TO FIRST SELECTMAN; AND THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE MOU ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN."

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ITEM NO. 10 ON CALL: 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 \$5,681,988 FOR THE COSTS OF THE FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 11 ON CALL: TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (THE ‘TOWN’) HAS ADOPTED, AT THE REQUEST OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (‘WPCA’), A RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$5,681,988 FOR THE COSTS OF THE FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION’ (THE ‘RESOLUTION’); AND WHEREAS, THE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATED \$5,681,988 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH UPGRADES TO THE FAIRFIELD BEACH ROAD PUMP STATION (THE ‘PROJECT’) AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (THE ‘BONDS’) AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS (THE ‘CWF OBLIGATIONS’); AND WHEREAS, WHILE THE TOWN IS LIABLE FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS, FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS BE ALLOCATED TO THE WPCA; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN’S WPCA HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT AND THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE RESOLUTION; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AS IT BECOMES DUE SHALL BE PAID BY THE WPCA FROM ITS OWN FUNDS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE WPCA SHALL BE SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE ‘MOU’) WITH THE TOWN SATISFACTORY TO FIRST SELECTMAN; AND THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE MOU ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.”

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 12 ON CALL: 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 \$18,670,000 FOR THE COSTS OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY PLANT EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

Dru Georgiadis, District 9 moved this item as distributed, duly seconded.

VOTE: The bond resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

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ITEM NO. 13 ON CALL:

TO HEAR, CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE: “WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD (THE ‘TOWN’) HAS ADOPTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (‘WPCA’) A RESOLUTION ENTITLED, ‘A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$18,670,000 FOR THE COSTS OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY PLANT EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION’ (THE ‘RESOLUTION’); AND WHEREAS, THE RESOLUTION APPROPRIATED \$18,670,000 FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY PLANT EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS (THE ‘PROJECT’) AND AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS (THE ‘BONDS’) AND/OR CLEAN WATER FUND OBLIGATIONS (THE CWF OBLIGATIONS’); AND WHEREAS, WHILE THE TOWN IS LIABLE FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS, FOR INTERNAL ACCOUNTING PURPOSES, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS BE ALLOCATED TO THE WPCA; AND WHEREAS, THE TOWN’S WPCA HAS AGREED TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT AND THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE RESOLUTION; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS AND THE CWF OBLIGATIONS AS IT BECOMES DUE SHALL BE PAID BY THE WPCA FROM ITS OWN FUNDS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE WPCA SHALL BE SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (THE ‘MOU’) WITH THE TOWN SATISFACTORY TO FIRST SELECTMAN; AND THAT THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE MOU ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.”

Sharon Pistilli, District 5 moved to waive reading of the item, duly seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Pistilli moved the item as distributed, dully seconded.

VOTE: The bond resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM NO. 14 ON CALL:

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 \$1,923,000 FOR THE COSTS OF THE TIDEGATES REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 15 ON CALL:

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 \$3,770,000 FOR THE COSTS OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

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ITEM NO. 16 ON CALL: 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 \$4,760,000 FOR THE COSTS OF A SIDEWALK ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION,’ BE, AND HEREBY IS, APPROVED.”

This item was on the consent calendar.

ITEM NO. 17 ON CALL: 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 (HELD IN COMMITTEE).

The Moderator reported that this item will appear on the May agenda.

ITEM NO. 18 ON CALL: ETHICS ORDINANCE, SPONSORED BY REPS. BERCHEM, KARSON, WACKERMAN AND ZEZIMA (HELD IN COMMITTEE).

The Moderator reported this item is still being considered by L&A.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moderator Spolyar read 2 letters from the Fairfield Schools Green Team asking the Town to consider posting no idling signs and that businesses should consider turning off their lights at night so as not to confuse birds while migrating.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth P. Browne, MMC, MCTC
Town Clerk