

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 29, 2023 - Via Webex Only**  
**12:30 pm**

A recording of this meeting can be found here: [BOS Special Meeting 6.29.2023](#).

**FINAL MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectwoman Brenda L Kupchick, Selectman Thomas M. Flynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Nancy E. Lefkowitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Fairfield Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Deputy Fire Chief Kyran Dunn, Assistant Chief Roger Caisse, Assistant Purchasing Director Lee Flaherty, Assistant HR Director/Risk Manager Peter Ritchey, FairTV, members of the public

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectwoman Kupchick called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectwoman Kupchick asked for a moment of silence to remember Fairfield resident Meghan Raveis.

3) **PURCHASING AUTHORITY**

To hear and consider authorizing the Purchasing Authority to enter into the proposed contract with Sea Support, Inc. to provide all labor, materials, equipment, and all else necessary to lease a 2005 SAFE Boats International 25 Foot Defender HIN#EG000693G505 and a 2015 EZ Loader Trailer VIN# 1ZEACZM65A026421 for a term of five (5) months as detailed in the contract document, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 (\$5,000.00 per month). Account #36001330-58370 (Risk Management – General Liability Claims).

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 3. First Selectwoman Kupchick seconded the motion.

First Selectwoman Kupchick said Town Attorney James Baldwin is away, but he had reviewed the contract and wrote in an email that he made minor changes to the contract that have been agreed to and therefore, it is acceptable.

Chief McCarthy gave the background on this item. He said fire boat Marine 228 was damaged at South Benson Marina in February on the coldest day when temperatures were below freezing. He said the damage resulted in the boat capsizing and going under. Chief McCarthy said that after being evaluated, the boat is seaworthy, but needs to be refurbished by the manufacturer. He said it will take approximately eight months to finish and, in the meantime, the Fire Department has requested to go into a lease agreement with Sea Support Inc, for a replacement Fire Boat beginning immediately and going through the 2023 boating season. Chief McCarthy said the original boat will be finished and in the water for the 2024 boating season. He said this leased vessel has a portable water pump, should there be an emergency at sea.

There was a discussion about the items that were identified as needing to be fixed by the insurance company:

- Dive door – bad seal. Not a direct cause of the water damage, but will need to be repaired.
- Hose connection unsecured – the hose was attached to sea caulk, but came out. This could have occurred when the boat was taken out of the water.
- Scuppers – older style. Insurance company identified the Scuppers as the direct cause for the damage. They most likely froze and allowed the boat to take on water causing it to list to one side and sink.

There was discussion about insurance coverage, deductible and reimbursement with Assistant HR Director/Risk Manager Peter Ritchey.

The motion carried unanimously.

First Selectwoman Kupchick congratulated three high school sports teams here in Fairfield:

The Fairfield Ludlowe Softball team upset number 1 seed and three-time State Champion Southington High School 5-2 and they became the Class LL State Champions. This is the Lady Falcon's First-Class LL State Championship in the school's history.

The Fairfield Warde Baseball team won a thriller game in extra innings, beating Staples High School 2-1 to become the Class LL State Champions. This is the Mustangs 2nd consecutive Class LL State Championship.

For the first time in the program's 35+ year history, Fairfield Prep Rugby won the Connecticut State Boys High School Rugby Championship. A try with 12 seconds left in the second half sent Fairfield Prep ahead of Greenwich High School for a final score of 33 - 28. This was also Fairfield native Kevin Kery's first year as Head Coach of the program.

Congratulations to everyone!

Selectman Flynn also congratulated the teams and their families.

- 4) Adjourn  
Selectman Flynn made a motion to adjourn. First Selectwoman Kupchick seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary