

WARNING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING AND RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Fairfield will be held at the Education Center, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT and via Webex on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 8:00 PM, for the following purposes:

The RTM Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Education Center, and via Webex. Following the presentations, Committees will meet separately and simultaneously. Numbers for the respective Committees are listed at the end of the warning for anyone to listen by phone.

Members of the Public: Listen to the Meeting by Phone:

- Via Webex: <https://tofit.my.webex.com/join/community>
- FairTV's cable channel (channel 79 for Fairfield Cablevision and 6010 for Frontier Cable)
- FairTV's website <https://www.fairfieldct.org/government/fairtv/index.php>
- Live Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/@fairtvgovernment720/streams>
- FairTV YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@fairtvgovernment720>
- By phone: 667-776-9044

There will be no live public comment until called for by the Moderator during the meeting. The public is encouraged to send their comments before the meeting to the following email: rtm@fairfieldct.org. Back-up documents relating to the agenda items can be found at <https://fairfieldct.org/rtm/backup>.

1. Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of Silence
2. To consider and act upon the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 29, 2024.
3. To hear a report from the Affordable Housing Committee.
4. To receive a report from the Police Chief or his designee on the full list of noise complaints received.
5. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointments to the Fair Rent Commission as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

Ahmed Ebrahim (U), 18 Old Stratfield Road, Term Nov. 2023 - 2025

Thomas Lambert (D), 729 Burroughs Road, Term Nov. 2023 - 2026

Douglas A. Jones (D), 1304 Fairfield Woods Road, Term Nov. 2023 - 2026

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

Maura Garych (D), 156 Pequot Avenue, Term Nov. 2021 - Nov. 2026
(To fill vacancy created when George Clark was appointed "Full" member)

7. To hear, consider and act upon the following appointment to the Employees Retirement Board as recommended by the First Selectman:

Nicholas D. Leeper (D), 75 Sherman Court, Nov. 2022 - 2027
(To fill vacancy created by the resignation of John Mahoney)

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

"RESOLVED, that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds be reallocated as described in the attached Exhibit A."

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

"WHEREAS, on August 21, 2023, the Town of Fairfield Board of Selectmen resolved that the Town of Fairfield may enter into and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection any and all documents deemed necessary or appropriate for a grant of \$2,500,000 for the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project, and

WHEREAS, that Brenda L. Kupchick as First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Fairfield and do and perform all acts and things deemed to be necessary or appropriate to carry out terms of such documents; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, the Town of Fairfield received the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Draft Agreement/Grant/Contract approving the Urban Act Grant program application in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of a \$2,500,000 Urban Act Grant to receive, fund and expend project costs associated with the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project of which one hundred percent of said project costs are paid (reimbursed) by the State grant and appropriated \$2,500,000 for said project costs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that First Selectman William A. Gerber be, and hereby is, authorized to accept and sign any agreements between the Town of Fairfield and the State of Connecticut related to and any additional Urban Act Grant funding associated with the Rooster River Flood Mitigation Project."

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11. 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.

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Elizabeth P. Browne
Town Clerk

**AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS, THE COMMITTEES MEET SEPARATELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY.
BELOW ARE THE NUMBERS TO CALL FOR EACH COMMITTEE**

Legislation and Administration: 667-776-9044 1
Education and Recreation: 720-820-1221 6
Public Health & Safety: 339-209-6014 3
Public Works & Planning: 516-597-9432 4
Finance: 518-418-1465 5

| ARPA | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Row | ARPA Project | Project | Budgeted Cost | Less: Expenditures | Less: Encumbered | Less: Requisitions | = Total Available In Munis as of 01/29/2024 | (Excess Funds) - Removing Funding | Additional Funds Requested | Notes |
| 1 | Paving and Sidewalk Repair | 81025 | \$ 3,000,000 | \$ 2,994,824 | \$ 5,176 | | \$ - | | \$ 4,873,651 | Need funds to complete spring paving and sidewalks |
| 2 | Deck/patio behind senior center | 81026 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 77,040 | | | \$ 22,960 | \$ (22,960) | | The Deck/Patio project at the Sr. Center is complete |
| 3 | Senior Center Renovation | 81028 | \$ 850,000 | \$ 313,190 | \$ 352,759 | | \$ 184,051 | | \$ - | The Senior Center Renovation project is still underway. The Bathrooms project has been awarded and funds encumbered. Same for the Trane HVAC Rooftop units. The Kitchen was the third phase of the project and there will not be enough for the whole thing but maybe enough for new kitchen hood exhaust. |
| 4 | Downtown Resiliency - Permeable Surfacing | 81004 | \$ 1,420,000 | \$ 104,940 | \$ 189,060 | | \$ 1,126,000 | \$ (776,000) | | Leaving \$300K in for design for Phase 1. |
| 5 | Rooster River Detention Area | 81007 | \$ 3,250,000 | \$ 405,079 | \$ - | | \$ 2,844,921 | \$ (2,194,921) | | We are leaving \$650K in the account to pay for open vendor invoicing and bidding for Phase 1. |
| 6 | Traffic Lights | 81014 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 47,753 | \$ 727 | | \$ 951,520 | | \$ - | This will cover Year 1 traffic lights, additional funding will be needed for other years. |
| 7 | High Intensity Wave and Erosion Damage & Resiliency Study | 81018 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 23,140 | \$ - | | \$ 376,860 | \$ (376,860) | | As discussed with Mr Gerber, this project is closed. |
| 8 | Town-wide Guard Rail and Fencing | 81019 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 102,441 | \$ 82,500 | | \$ 15,059 | | \$ 30,000 | In progress. The additional \$30k requested is for a gate at Jennings Beach. |
| 9 | Perry's Green Bulkhead | 81023 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 86,573 | \$ 14,273 | | \$ 899,155 | | \$ 600,000 | We will need additional \$600,000 |
| 10 | Sidewalks Stratfield | 81029 | \$ 1,150,000 | \$ 829,214 | \$ 320,786 | | \$ - | | | Completed. |
| 11 | ADA Consultant | 81032 | \$ 75,000 | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 75,000 | \$ (75,000) | | currently being done in house. |
| 12 | Sidewalks Southport | 81036 | \$ 250,000 | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 250,000 | \$ (250,000) | | closing project. Will revisit for funding. |
| 13 | Fire Station Rehabilitation | 81024 | \$ 550,000 | \$ 335,130 | \$ 103,308 | | \$ 111,562 | | | In progress |
| 14 | Fire shift commander vehicle | 81037 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 18,288 | \$ 102,734 | | \$ 28,979 | | \$ - | Not expected to be over budget |
| 15 | Fire vehicle replacement | 81040 | \$ 60,000 | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 60,000 | | \$ - | Not expected to be over budget |
| 16 | Non-profit Mental Health | 81001 | \$ 450,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ - | | \$ 150,000 | \$ (150,000) | | Julie DeMarco advised that "Child guidance is not able to use the ARPA funds. They don't have the numbers for residents who are under-insured or without insurance". |
| 17 | COVID Recovery Assistance | 81002 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 187,346 | \$ - | | \$ 62,654 | \$ 50,000 | \$ - | As discussed, we are leaving \$12,654 to finish up and then closing this program out. |
| 18 | Jennings Beach Concession Upgrades | 81008 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 75,180 | \$ 13,385 | | \$ 11,435 | | \$ - | Remaining funds expected to be used up soon. |
| 19 | Tunxis Hill Park Playground | 81009 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ - | | \$ - | | | Completed. |
| 20 | Melville Park Playground | 81010 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 151,464 | \$ - | | \$ 23,536 | \$ (23,536) | | Completed |
| 21 | Lincoln Park Playground Replacement | 81011 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ - | | \$ - | | \$ - | Completed |
| 22 | Dover Park Playground Replacement | 81012 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 130,847 | \$ - | | \$ 19,153 | \$ (19,153) | | Completed |
| 23 | Highwood Park Playground Replacement | 81013 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 268,395 | \$ - | | \$ 31,605 | \$ (31,605) | | Completed |
| 24 | Golf Course Maintenance Equipment | 81022 | \$ 230,000 | \$ 223,977 | \$ 3,068 | | \$ 2,955 | \$ (2,955) | | Completed |
| 25 | SGT Murphy Playground | 81038 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 149,940 | \$ - | | \$ 60 | \$ (60) | | Completed. |

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| 26 | Police headquarter Rehab | 81039 | \$ 350,000 | | | \$ 35,500 | \$ 314,500 | | | The architects were recently awarded the bid. We have met with the architects to articulate our needs, and they are currently preparing schematic designs for us. Along with those designs will come construction documents that will allow us to gain a better understanding of a more accurate cost of the project. |
| 27 | Police Safe Corridor Program | 81041 | \$ 108,000 | \$ 6,750 | \$ 8,241 | | \$ 93,009 | | | We are on budget and hope to have the majority of the project completed in the next couple of months. |
| 28 | Hybrid Meeting Technology | 81020 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 160,031 | | \$ 64,969 | | | on budget -As per Dave Kelley, he will need the entire amount budgeted to address the BOE equipment, if needed. |
| 29 | Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) | 81003 | \$ 175,000 | \$ 99,584 | \$ 52,248 | | \$ 23,168 | | | Completed. |
| 30 | Body Cam/Dash Cam/Fasers | 81005 | \$ 3,700,000 | \$ 2,104,697 | \$ 1,600,623 | | \$ (5,320) | | | Completed. |
| 31 | Fairfield Theatre Company - free outdoor concerts | 81015 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 | | | \$ - | | | Completed. |
| 32 | Electric Car Charging Stations | 81016 | \$ 200,000 | \$ 164,932 | \$ 13,944 | | \$ 21,125 | | | James Ryan advised that he is holding off paying the vendor until the chargers are repaired. He emailed for a status update and will advise when he hears back. We need to keep funds in account in case they do not repair the issues and he needs to have them repaired. |
| 33 | Electric/Hybrid Vehicles | 81030 | \$ 740,000 | \$ 446,685 | \$ 15,032 | | \$ 278,284 | \$ (278,284) | | As discussed, closing out. Eli has confirmed that no additional vehicles were on order. |
| 34 | Fill Pile | 81006 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 46,370 | \$ 186,830 | | \$ 766,800 | | | In progress. |
| 35 | Burr Historical Gardens | 81017 | \$ 25,000 | | | | \$ 25,000 | \$ (25,000) | | This project was completed in house and these funds were no longer needed |
| 36 | Digitizing Records | 81021 | \$ 125,000 | | | | \$ 125,000 | | \$ 20,000 | the additional \$20k is for the Assessors office. Ross Murray submitted for consideration a December 2022 estimate totaling \$16k. (we rounded to \$20k) related to the scanning of 4 decades of historic filed Assessor files. |
| 37 | HVAC at schools | 81027 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 1,000,000 | | | \$ - | | | Project has been cancelled. |
| 38 | Town and BOE Fiber Optic Network | 81031 | \$ - | | | | \$ - | | | As discussed with Mr. Gerber, we are closing out this project |
| 39 | Diversity & Inclusion Consultant | 81033 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 10,249 | | | \$ 64,751 | \$ (64,751) | | Completed. |
| 40 | Fairfield Museum | 81042 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 40,000 | | | \$ - | | | Completed. |
| Total Allocated Funds | | | A \$ 23,548,000 | \$ 11,269,027 | \$ 3,224,724 | \$ 35,500 | \$ 9,018,749 | \$ (4,241,085) | \$ 5,523,651 | |
| Total ARPA Funds received | | | B \$24,830,566 | | | | | C | D | |
| Unallocated ARPA funds | | | \$1,282,566 | | | | | B-A | | |
| Add: Excess Funds | | | \$4,241,085 | | | | | C | | |
| Total Unallocated/Excess Funds Available | | | \$5,523,651 | | | | | D | | |