

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 in the meeting room at the Cyrenius H. Booth Library, Main Street, Newtown, CT. John Reed called the meeting to order at 7:32p.m.

Present: John Reed, Jim Bernardi, Ross Carley, Brian White, Renata Adler, John Madzula and Mike Holmes.

Absent: Andy Willie

Also Present: Maria DeMarco, (DeMarco Management), Mike Struna (Advantage Realty), four town residents representing Newtown Youth Baseball.

Public Participation: Marianne Brown, 4 Sherman Street, Sandy Hook, CT was in attendance to represent the Newtown Youth Baseball Organization to request that the Fairfield Hills Authority allow water and sewer lines be run from the Emergency Operations Center to the Glander Field Snack Shack to allow in the installation of ADA compliant bathrooms. Ms. Brown stated that they are looking to have the project complete by April 2012.

Motion: Mike Holmes made a motion that the concept of this project be investigated by Maria DeMarco (Property Manager) and John Reed (Chairman, Fairfield Hills Authority) to see if it is viable and if so the Chairman may inform Newtown Babe Ruth that the Authority give permission to run the lines as approved by the Water & Sewer Authority across the Fairfield Hills property to Glander Fields. Brian White seconded the motion. All in attendance voted yes to accept the motion.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Mike Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 17, 2011 Authority meeting. Jim Bernardi seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to accept the minutes.

First Selectman: John Reed informed the Authority that the First Selectman was unable to attend this meeting because of other commitments.

Property Manager: Maria DeMarco gave an overview of her monthly report. (See attached).

Ms. DeMarco reported that Danbury Ambulance was supposed to be in attendance of the Authority meeting to answer any questions about their possible use of the Engineer's House as a satellite office. They were not at the meeting so the discussion was not held.

Ms. DeMarco informed the Authority that the funds in the Special Revenue Account need to be used for three separate projects – Removal of the porches from the buildings, security cameras and security lighting. A recommendation for specific dollar allotments will be given at the October meeting by Maria DeMarco.

Ms. DeMarco did receive a draft of the remediation report from Bartley and Assoc. outlining the cost of removing the porches. The report gave two different ways for removal of the debris . There are two

suggested phases for the removal of the debris. One would take the asbestos first then the lead second. Maria recommended that the second phase be used which would remove both items at the same time.

Jim Bernardi, Renata Adler and Ross Carley will tour the buildings to prioritize what porches are taken down first.

Ms. DeMarco stated that she had a meeting to discuss the security cameras and stated that she does not have a solid cost analysis to recommend to the Authority but will have one for the October 19, 2011 meeting. The Town is trying to upgrade all security cameras throughout every department and was hoping that the Fairfield Hills Campus would be the start-off point of the project.

Ms. DeMarco informed the Authority that the list that Jim Bernardi put together outlining areas that needed attention on the Fairfield Hills Campus has been completed except for the removal of the antennas on the building. The Highway Department requested that a lift be rented for this project. Ms. DeMarco is going to ask the Fire Marshall if a bucket truck can be used to finish the project.

Broker: Mike Struna, Advantage Realty, brought an exterior drawing of what a possible building could look like where Danbury Hall is currently located. Mr. Struna believes that if a request for a lease is made, the use would meet the recommended approval uses for Economic Development in the Master Plan. John Reed pointed out that currently that area is planned for playing fields and possible extension of the walking trails.

Old Business: John Reed gave a quick update to the items on the Agenda list under Old Business:

- Trails Project – the Eagle Scout project is moving forward. John Reed will be meeting with the Chair of the Trails Committee to show him what the specs are for the rest of the trail project on the Fairfield Hills Campus.
- Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association – Bruce Herring gave an informal site plan for the potential site for the Authority to peruse. The formal site plan will have to be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission. John Reed stated that the Authority needs to be mindful of the conditions the Authority outlined for this project to move forward in the motion of January 19, 2011.

New Business: John Reed informed the Authority that Margaret Oliger, Co-Chair from the Economic Development Commission has asked him to attend their next meeting to discuss because there are so many projects that both groups are involved with. John Reed stated that he will be attending the November meeting because his schedule does not allow attendance to the one in October.

John Reed asked the Authority members to be familiar with the materials in the mailing concerning a possible Outdoor Performing Arts Center - the Authority received an information packet from the Director of Economic Development outlining this project. The First Selectman is working with Representative Chris Lyddy to get funding for the Center through the State of Connecticut.

Adjournment: Jim Bernardi made a motion to adjourn. Renata Adler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.