

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 in Meeting Room #3 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

These Minutes are subject to the approval of the Fairfield Hills Authority.

Jim Bernardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Jim Bernardi, Michael Holmes, Renata Adler, Ross Carley, Tom Connors, Brian White and Andrew Willie.

Absent: John Madzula

Also Present: George Benson, Director of Planning and Land Use; Kristin Chiriatti, President, Everwonder Children's Museum; two members of the press and several members of the public.

Renata Adler questioned items in the meeting minutes from the February 20, 2013 FHA meeting. It was decided that discussion regarding minutes from that meeting should be discussed at the March 20, 2013 meeting.

A discussion began regarding the proposed children's museum. The Fairfield Hills Master Plan and its general intent were also discussed. **Ross Carley** said that the museum could help make Newtown a destination. **Michael Holmes** said the museum is in keeping with the Master Plan. **Tom Connors** stated that the museum fits what the FHA is trying to accomplish. **Andrew Willie** said that the museum fits the guidelines for Fairfield Hills. **Renata Adler** voiced her opposition to the museum project as a whole as well as to specific details of the project.

Jim Bernardi said that the Fairfield Hills Authority will do nothing to compete with anything that will benefit those most affected by the 12/14 tragedy. He also stated that any resolution with regard to Fairfield Hills could be preempted by other projects that would be in the best interest of those most affected by 12/14.

George Benson gave an update on the letter of intent from the Everwonder Children's Museum. He stated that the letter must go on to the Board of Selectmen after it goes before the FHA.

Public Participation: **Nancy Roznicki**, 169 Hanover Road, Newtown; said she shared the sentiments about the common goals of Fairfield Hills with regard to the children's museum.

Brian White motioned to reserve Plymouth Hall as the potential future site for the Everwonder Children's Museum, subject to approval by all necessary town boards and agencies; and subject to fundraising by the children's museum. Representatives of the children's museum should come back to the Fairfield Hills Authority within six months to give a status report. **Michael Holmes** seconded the motion. The motion passed – six in favor, one against. (**Jim Bernardi, Ross Carley, Michael Holmes, Thomas Connors, Brian White** and **Andrew Willie** voted for the motion. **Renata Adler** voted against the motion.)

Jim Bernardi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Brian White seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.