

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at the Municipal Center, Meeting Room #3, 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 7:04 PM.

Present: Jim Bernardi, Michael Holmes, John Madzula, Thomas Connors, Ross Carley, and Brian White.

Absent: Renata Adler and Andrew Willie

Also Present: Elizabeth Stocker, Director of Economic and Community Development; Bruce Herring, Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association.

A moment of silence was held to honor the victims of the Sandy Hook tragedy of December 14, 2012.

Public Participation: None

Public Hearing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cleanup Grant; Danbury Hall and eight single family houses - There were no inquiries or public comment on the grant. The Public Hearing was closed.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Brian White motioned to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2013. **Tom Connors** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

Campus Remediation: Jim Bernardi stated that the final report from R.W. Bartley & Associates should be sent onto the state. **Christal Preszler** will contact Russell Bartley to have him send the report.

Budget Report: Mr. Bernardi discussed necessary projects for the campus which include water service for the Victory Garden, fencing for Cochran Hall and signage for large events held at Fairfield Hills. **Tom Connors** motioned to allocate up to \$2000 for directional signage for large events at Fairfield Hills. **Brian White** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director of Economic and Community Development Report: Elizabeth Stocker gave updates on:

EPA Cleanup Grant: Ms. Stocker reported that the grant work is in the preliminary stages and that money will be available beginning July 1, 2013 for the demolition of Danbury Hall and the single family houses. As a result of the Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Authority (NVAA) project, hazardous materials reports exist for three of the single family houses. The fire marshal has expressed an interest in burning the single family houses in order to demolish them.

Ms. Stocker stated that a project manager is necessary for the combined cleanup and demolition of Danbury Hall and single family houses. Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the process for hiring such a person.

Jim Bernardi motioned to create a subcommittee consisting of **Mr. Bernardi, Brian White and John Madzula**, to oversee the progress of the cleanup and demolition of single family houses and Danbury Hall. **Brian White** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Farmers' Market: The Farmers' Market contact, **Mary Fellows**, has been informed that the market must move due to the Danbury Hall project. The grassy area around Shelton House has been suggested in order to maintain visibility of the market. **Ms. Stocker** stated that it is important for the market to remain on the Fairfield Hills campus in order to maintain a consistent location each year.

Victory Garden: **Ms. Stocker** said that Parks and Recreation Director, Amy Mangold and **Harvey Pessin** (from the Victory Garden) reviewed possible temporary locations for the garden this year due to the construction of the NVAA facility. The preferred temporary location will be in the far meadow by the single family houses and duplexes. It needs to be confirmed that a working water source exists at that location for use by the gardeners. **Ms. Stocker** made the Victory Garden group aware of the cleanup and demolition of the single family houses.

Old Business:

Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Association lease: Michael Holmes motioned to accept the amended NVAA lease which now includes common area maintenance charges. **Ross Carley** seconded the motion. The motion passed with four members voting in favor and **Brian White** abstaining.

Barberry Removal: Approximately \$2,000 is required for Phase 2 of the Barberry removal this spring. Brian White motioned to appropriate \$2,000 from the repairs and maintenance account for the removal. Jim Bernardi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Brian White motioned to adjourn the meeting. **John Madzula** seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.