



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority

MINUTES

The Fairfield Hills Authority held its regular meeting on Monday, March 28th 2016 in Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT 06470

These minutes are subject to the approval of the FHA at their next meeting.

Present: Tom Connors, Jim Bernardi, Renata Adler, Phil Clark, Ross Carley

Also Present: Christal Preszler (Grants Coordinator)

Mr. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Minutes: Mr. Bernardi moved to accept the minutes from February 22nd, 2016. Mr. Carley seconded, all were in favor.

Business: Ms. Preszler updated the Commission on the STEAP Grant, letting the Authority know what steps are coming next. She spoke about a paving project for the Parent Connection lot which would be partially financed with \$30,000 committed by the FHA. Members expressed that changes were necessary moving forwards to avoid repeating deficiencies with the procedure of leasing properties. Ms. Preszler says that the Canaan House remediation and demolition is moving along, and expects the crew will be moving onto windows, doors and the roof late April to May.

It was suggested that members attend the next Legislative Council Meeting to discuss aspects of the FFH budget, including Ms. Preszler's salary. This opened a discussion about the desire to have a FFH line item in the Town budget. Members feel as though they are not included with the overall process. Mr. Clark is working to get a summary organized between the funding groups to better work together and show the cost of FFH.

Ms. Preszler also asked the Authority to allow her \$455.00 to attend a Grant Writing Class at Fairfield University. Mr. Carley made a motion to supply Ms. Preszler the funds for the class which will benefit the FHA and the Town of Newtown. Mr. Bernardi seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Connors will be sending a document to the Authority and asked them to make changes and suggestions to present at the next meeting. They would like Ms. Mangold, Mr. Marks, Mr. Hurley and possibly a few more staff to attend the next meeting, hoping to create a simple, unified process for campus maintenance. Mr. Carley asked the FHA to consider allotting funds towards creating a recreational area including possibly BBQ's and picnic tables in the "Grove" near Norwalk Hall, and offered walking through the space with members.

Adjournment: Mr. Connors asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Carley so moved, and Mr. Bernardi seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:14pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk.*