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MINUTES

The Fairfield Hills Authority held its regular meeting on Monday, April 25th 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: Jim Bernardi, Phil Clark, Ross Carley, Terry Sagedy

Also Present: Christal Preszler (Grants Coordinator)

Given there were not enough members present to call a meeting, Mr. Carley opened a group discussion at 7:05pm.

Minutes: No action was able to be taken.

Business: Mr. Carley asked Mr. Clark to circulate his chart regarding the lease approval process via email so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Carley also asked the Authority to look into their Charter and see what their responsibilities are. Many members expressed feelings that their authority (as an Authority) is being pulled into different departments. Mr. Clark has recently met with Public Works and Parks & Rec, and explained that their perspective is to jump on projects, and their intention has never been to undermine the Authority.

A discussion then opened about the Glander Site 3 Baseball Field, which recently was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Bernardi asked why they had not heard about this field, and if they would ever see the plans before the field is constructed.

Mr. Sagedy inquired why Parks & Rec charges a fee for events on the Campus and the FHA does not. Ms. Preszler stated that until there is a set venue for events, possibly with bathroom facilities and a kitchen, she does not feel there is enough reason to charge. Also, P&R does expend labor on the grounds during and after events.

Mr. Clark suggested that the Chairman should approach Fist Selectman Llodra to review the Authority's charge. Mr. Carley questioned if the Authority is relevant, and if they should try to resume authoritative power over the grounds or not. Mr. Clark and Mr. Carley spoke about the budget, which is now around \$12,000 a year, besides Special Revenue funds. Mr. Carley asked the group to think about making a vote at the next meeting, to put a hold on the water fountains. Present members agreed with Mr. Carley's perspective.

Staff Report: Ms. Preszler updated the Commission on the STEAP Grant. The signed contracts have been received back from the State, so the next step is to write the Scope of

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Services. Parks and Rec will be putting up temporary fencing along the soccer field for safety (between the field and road) while the project begins. She also spoke about the abatement and demolition of Canaan House. Things are moving along smoothly, as approx 750 windows are being safely removed. Events are ramping up as the summer season approaches, and some events applications for 2017 have been submitted.

Adjournment: The meeting was informally adjourned at 7:50pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk.*