



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

Fairfield Hills Authority

MINUTES

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Regular Meeting on October 24, 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: Thomas Connors, Ross Carley, Andy Willie, Phil Clark, Renata Adler

Also Present: Christal Preszler, Grants Coordinator, Georgia Contois, Clerk

Absent: Jim Bernardi, Terry Sagedy, Curt Verdi

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Public Participation: Sarah Middleleer presented her landscaping plan for a memorial garden in between the Land Use and Board of Education wings. This garden is in memory of much loved Tammy Hazen, a former Land Use Administrative Assistant who passed away last December. The plantings include many trees, shrubs and flowering plants to encourage pollinators as well as employees and members of the public to enjoy the space. The FHA was very pleased with the presentation. They asked Ms. Middleleer to return before installation begins to keep the FHA involved with the process.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Connors presented the meeting dates for 2017. The only change to be made is moving the December meeting a week earlier (see attached). Mr. Willie moved to accept, Ms. Adler seconded and the dates were approved. Mr. Connors informed the Commission that he will be stepping down as Chairman. He endorsed the election of Mr. Carley and asked if anyone wanted to present a nomination. Mr. Willie agreed and nominated Mr. Carley. Ms. Adler seconded the motion and all present members agreed. Mr. Carley will begin as Chairman at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Staff Update: Ms. Preszler told the FHA she still aims to see grass seed laid before winter at the Canaan House site. She also presented the final drawings from Benesch for the STEAP Streetscape Grant on the campus. The Commissioners were excited to see the vast improvement in aesthetic on campus. Ms. Preszler explained that a separate project will include planting trees along the sidewalk at the First Selectman's side to create a landscape buffer. She asked the FHA for their opinion on charging an event fee, for a land usage charge when events are held on campus. Members asked for it to be laid out in writing for possible action at the next meeting.

Member Discussion: Mr. Carley told the FHA that the pipes over at the “grove” area have not been removed yet, but will probably be a springtime project for DPW.

Minutes: No changes were made to the Minutes of August 22, 2016. Mr. Carley moved to approve, Mr. Clark seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Adjournment: With no further business, Mr. Carley moved to adjourn. Mr. Willie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk.*