



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

**Fairfield Hills Authority
MINUTES**

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Regular Meeting on November 28, 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: Ross Carley, Phil Clark, Terry Sagedy

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

Absent: Jim Bernardi, Thomas Connors, Renata Adler, Andrew Willie

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

Public Participation: Adam Carley, of R.E.A.C.H. Newtown joined the Commission to introduce himself and his program after last month's discussion. R.E.A.C.H. is actively working to find funding to remediate and renovate a duplex to move onto the FFH Campus. The Commission agrees that the program would work perfectly with the desire for passive recreation. Mr. Adam Carley explained that R.E.A.C.H. has been applying for grants with the help of Ms. Preszler and does have a private donor interested in matching some funds. The Commission offered any help to Mr. Adam Carley and asked to stay involved with their progress.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Carley discussed plans to determine the amount of funds spent by Parks and Rec to maintain the campus. This plan includes creating FFH as a line item to their current budget to track spending. He also mentioned the Grove Area, reminding Commissioners that removing the pipes are on the Agenda for Public Works, but are not requiring immediate attention. Lastly, Mr. Carley wanted to encourage Commissioners to attend more meetings and to stay actively involved. He mentioned that some lease writing and big decisions may be coming down the pike, and wants the full input of the Commission members.

Staff Update: Ms. Preszler updated the FHA that Canaan House material has almost been completely removed. The majority of the new lawn has been seeded. There was some funds remaining from the project, so Ms. Preszler and the members will make a list to prioritize other projects. Mr. Clark suggested the bathroom facility idea, even adding the possibility of requesting bathrooms at the Community Center that are accessible from the outside. The FHA revisited the idea of an event usage fee. Mr. Sagedy recommended using a sliding scale determined by estimated number of attendees.

Member Discussion: The FHA has one available seat and is open to nominations for a Vice Chair.

Minutes: No action was taken.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was informally adjourned at 8:06pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Georgia Contois, Clerk.*