

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Newtown Municipal Center
Chamber Meeting Room
Monday August 17, 2015

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of Newtown was held at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT, on Monday August 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Debbie Aurelia Halstead at 7:00 pm. after which she read the warning of the meeting.

In attendance were First Selectman E. Patricia Llodra and Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, 56 members of the public and 3 member of the press.

Selectman Rodgers nominated First Selectman Patricia Llodra as moderator, 2nd by Dan Honan.

Mrs. Llodra asked for a motion on agenda item #2. Motion was made by John Kortze and 2nd by Michael Burton to approve the resolution In The Amount Of \$975,000 For the Acquisition and Replacement of Various Fire Apparatus.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

VOTE: PASSED. UNANIMOUSLY.

Mrs. Llodra asked for a motion on agenda item #4. Motion was made by Robert Manna and 2nd by Richard Frampton to approve the resolution In The Amount Of \$1,500,000 For the Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction and Reconstruction of the Newtown Hook & Ladder Fire House.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Llodra wanted to clarify that this project is not a Municipal project and is wholly under the responsibility of the Newtown Hook & Ladder Company. This resolution is to help them offset their capital cost which is their mortgage.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: David Feedman of 4 Laurel Road asked if the burden of paying back this amount is on the tax payers or Hook & Ladder. Mrs. Llodra said that Hook and Ladder is not being asked to repay the \$1.5 million, that it is not a loan but a Grant to help them manage the cost of building an independent firehouse.

VOTE: PASSED. UNANIMOUSLY.

Mrs. Llodra asked for a motion on agenda item #6. Motion was made by John Kortze and 2nd by Phil Carroll to approve the Amount Of \$5,000,000 For the Demolition and Remediation of Fairfield Hills Buildings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Robert Rau of 12 Lake Road asked what will be accomplished with the \$5 million dollars. Christal Preszler from the Fairfield Hills Office explained that the

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majority of the money will go towards remediating and demolishing Canaan House which is one the largest buildings on the campus, the remainder of projects will be to demolish the single family houses that line the new walking trail. These houses are in danger of collapsing and a danger to the public. Also remediation to one of the duplex that is going to be occupied by the Parent Connection and a small greenhouse.

Robert Manna of 100 Glen Road asked if something was going in the footprint of Canaan House after demolition. Land Use Director George Benson said there was not at this time. Mrs. Llodra said that Canaan was chosen because it is a public safety hazard and it cannot be re-purposed.

Mr.Rau asked the timing of these projects. Mr. Benson said that the projects will start this fall.

VOTE: MOTION PASSED. 1 – NO VOTE

Hearing no other business Selectman Rodgers made a motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by George Benson.

Meeting adjourned 7:14pm.

Submitted by,

Debbie Aurelia Halstead,
Town Clerk, MCTC, MMC