



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority
MEETING MINUTES

**The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Meeting on November 29, 2021
in Council Chambers at the 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, Jim Landy, Michael Holmes, Renata Adler, Melissa Beylouni

Absent: Brook Clark, Terry Sagedy, Andrew Philbin

Public Attendance: none

Also Present: Christal Preszler – Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development, Kim Chiappetta (clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Public Participation: none

Acceptance of Minutes:

Chairman Ross Carley asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the meetings held on September 27, 2021. Renata Adler entertained. Jim Landy seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman's Report:

2022 Meeting Calendar (See attached):

Chairman Ross Carley began by telling the Authority that they had to approve the 2022 meeting calendar. Members discussed the December 2022 meeting date and decided to change the date from the 4th Monday of the month (Monday, December 26th) to Monday, December 19th, 2022.

Ross asked for a motion to accept the Fairfield Hills Authority 2022 meeting calendar with the revised date in December. Jim Landy entertained. Renata Adler seconded and all were in favor.

Ross then informed the group of the need to replace trees on the campus and recommended the replacement of 3 in the spring. Christal told members that the top has broken off of one tree along Wasserman Way and when this tree is removed she recommends replacing it. She also asked the Authority to identify locations where trees need to be replacement as well as areas that could use landscaping. The group decided they would identify locations and look for guidance from others with more experience in regards to the replacement trees.

Ross put a motion forward to allocate \$1,000 for tree replacement. Melissa Beylouni entertained. Mike Holmes seconded and all were in favor.

Jim asked if the new trees had to be the same type as the trees being replaced. Christal explained that new trees do not necessarily have to be the same and noted the benefits of having diverse plantings so that all trees would not be lost in the event of a blight. The Authority discussed the need to plant native plantings.

Mike asked if the funds would come out of the common charges. Christal clarified that the funds come out of an account that contains common charges.

Member Updates:

Ross asked if any members wanted to discuss the property. Mike asked for a status update on the proposed residential development. Christal said it is still being reviewed and considered at the State and Town levels. Ross explained that the process is a bumpy road and gave the example of the historic designation having both pros and cons. There is allot that must be sorted out to make this a viable project for the developer. The developer is looking for all of their advantages to make the project work. Mike then asked about the status of the Parks & Rec bike park project. Ross told the Authority that Parks & Rec was doing a site plan for the location, however, there is currently interest in Plymouth Hall. If this interest materializes into a project it may result in shifting the bike park to an alternate location. Melissa expressed that it was positive news to hear of the interest in Plymouth Hall.

Staff Update:

Christal told members that the proposed Authority budget contains \$4,000 for campus maintenance. Melissa asked if these maintenance funds could be spent to add something nice to enhance the campus. Christal explained that in the past these funds have been used towards maintaining the existing streetscape.

Ross offered that members could contact him anytime to discuss the Fairfield Hills property.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Renata Adler motioned to adjourn, Mike Holmes seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk.

A recording of the meeting is available by contacting Kimberly.Chiappetta@newtown-ct.gov.

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**Fairfield Hills Authority
Meeting Dates – 2022**

Time: 7:00 pm
Day: 4th Monday of each month
Location: Newtown Municipal Center
Council Chambers
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

December 19

January 23, 2023

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