



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority
MEETING MINUTES

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Meeting on June 22, 2020

This meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions.

These minutes are subject to the approval of the FHA at their next meeting.

Present: Ross Carley, Renata Adler, Andrew Philbin, Melissa Beylouni, Michael Holmes

Absent: Brook Clark, Walt Motyka, Terry Sagedy

Public Attendance: Linda Zukauskas - Voices, Scott Napolitano

Also Present: Christal Preszler, Kim Chiappetta (clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Public Participation: None

Acceptance of Minutes:

Chairman Carley asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held May 26, 2020. Renata Adler entertained. Mike Holmes seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman's Report:

Letter of Recommendation:

Chairman Carley reminded members of the letter he emailed out for review in this meeting. Mike Holmes did not receive the email but considered other members opinions. Melissa Beylouni said it was well written.

Ross asked for someone to put forward a motion to move the letter on to the BOS. Andrew entertained. Renata seconded. All in favor.

Member Updates:

Ross notified Mike Holmes that his term was ending 7/31/2020.

Members discussed holding the next meeting at Newsylum.

Staff Update:

Events:

Kim Chiappetta told Authority members that all events remain on hold with the exception of the Farmers Market which is permitted as per a State executive order. The State DECD website shows that the Phase 3 re-opening includes organized outdoor events with max of 500 people and necessary social distancing, but we are not certain of what this means for events on campus.

EDA Grant:

Kim also told members that the EDA has approved the RFP for an engineer for the sanitary sewer replacement project.

Campus grounds:

Christal Preszler told members that campus activity is bustling. Families are out with kids on bikes or walking. Christal thanked the group for their support in making the campus better which allows for everyone's enjoyment. She recommended Authority members visit the campus to see the streetscape gardens that are now in bloom noting that the roses are especially beautiful this year.

Securing Buildings:

The group was reminded of the \$49,000 that was approved to secure empty buildings on campus. Christal told everyone that a demo company who is on the State bid list and who has experience working on the campus has been contacted. She has also received input from a company who has extensive experience in historical preservation on how to properly secure the buildings without ruining the historical integrity. Christal will be getting a more detailed proposal. Ross discussed with the group the possibility of having police more closely monitor the campus to ensure buildings remain secured once the work has been done. Melissa Beylouni volunteered to join Ross in attending a Police meeting to speak to the town's investment in securing buildings and ask about the additional monitoring.

NewSylum Brewery:

Christal told the Authority that Newsylum is now open to outdoor service. She has observed people enjoying beer, pizza and pretzels.

Residential:

The process for considering residential on the campus is starting again. There are a couple of developers who are still interested in some of the larger buildings. The Legislative Council will be working on the question regarding allowing residential on the campus for the November referendum.

Christal also told members the farmers market begins tomorrow.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mike Holmes motioned to adjourn, Renata Adler seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk.

A recording of the meeting can be found using the link below, or contact Kimberly.Chiappetta@newtown-ct.gov.

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