



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority
MINUTES

**The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Meeting on April 22, 2019
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, Walt Motyka, Brook Clark, Andrew Philbin, Melissa Beylouni, Renata Adler, Christal Prezler

Absent: Terry Sagedy, Michael Holmes

Public Attendance: none

Also Present: Kim Chiappetta (clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Participation:
None

Minutes:

Mr. Carley postponed approving the February 25, 2019 minutes to the next meeting to allow members time to refresh their memories.

Chairman's Report

Area of old doctors' houses:

Chairman Carley began the meeting with a discussion on the area of the campus where the doctors' houses had been located, behind Norwalk Hall. Ross asked Brook Clark if she could use her expertise as a landscape architect to create a vision for the area. He encouraged other Authority members to join her. There are remaining pipes coming out of the ground that must be removed. Ross explained his visions for this area being a place where people can gather for a picnic or small event. Melissa Beylouni and Walt Motyka volunteered to work with Brook on this project. Walt told members that he had architectural renders for an outdoor space on campus and would like to share them with the Authority. Brook added that this location may be a good place for one of the cupolas. (Cupolas that had been removed from Shelton house.) Members discussed scheduling a walk-through of the area.

Victory Garden:

Ross then told members that the Victory Garden is being cleaned-up and he noticed that the clean-up debris from last year was never removed. Ross asked who could be contacted to request the area outside of the garden be cleaned up to keep the area neat and presentable. Christal recommended contacting the Parks & Rec department as they have oversight of the Victory Garden.

Eagle Scout Kiosk:

Members discussed the status of the Eagle Scout kiosk project located near Glander fields. Suggestions were made as to what can be done to progress the project forward.

Member Updates

No updates.

Staff Update**Events & Activities – Kim:**

Kim told Authority members that there are currently 9 approved events, 3 applications pending review, and 2 inquires. She expressed the need to have a designated event area on campus especially when the Community/Senior Center and Brewery are open. The group discussed the possibility of making the former doctors' house location the designated event area.

Brew Pub:

Christal began by telling everyone that Asylum brewing has started their work on Stratford Hall. The egress is in and remediation has begun. The remediation work is limited and should not take long. The Town's role in the project is dwindling and tenants will be able to complete the work.

Community Center Bathrooms:

Christal said she received an estimate for the Community Center bathrooms and the amount is more than was originally anticipated. Ross explained to new members that these bathrooms would be outside accessible.

FHMRC Survey:

Ross told Authority members of the survey being done by the Master Plan Review Committee. It should take 10 minutes or less. Walt recommended to the Fairfield Hills Master Plan Review Committee that they communicate the results to the FHA. Ross recommended Authority members attend the next FHMRC meeting. He also recommended that everyone take the survey and tell friends to do so.

Referendum:

Christal told members that the referendum includes funding for pickle ball courts which would be installed on the campus. Members discussed concerns they have heard regarding the costs. The group then discussed the possibility of raising donations to fix up the former location of the doctors' houses.

Adjournment: With no further business, Walt made a motion to adjourn, Melissa seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk.*