



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority
MINUTES

The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Special Meeting on May 29, 2018 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, Terry Sagedy, Mike Holmes, Renata Adler, Phil Clark, Melissa Beylouni (arrived 7:10 p.m.)

Absent: Brook Clark, Jim Bernardi

Public Participation: none

Also Present: Christal Preszler, Kim Chiappetta (clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Public Participation: none

Minutes:

Mr. Carley asked for a motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2018. Terry Sagedy entertained. Renata Adler seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman's Report:

a) Parks & Rec No Smoking Policy (*See attachment*):

Ross Carley began by expressing his opinion that the Parks & Rec no smoking policy should actually be a town ordinance. His concern with the policy as stated is that it should not negatively impact potential commercial development where a business would want to allow an area outside of the building specifically reserved for smoking. Ross clarified that he agrees with other aspects of the no smoking policy, but is concerned with its application to the entire campus. Phil Clark and Mike Holmes were both also in disagreement with the policy applying to the entire Fairfield Hills campus. Ross asked if anyone wanted to make a motion regarding the No Smoking policy. Terry motioned that the FHA reject the inclusion of the Fairfield Hills Campus in the Parks & Rec policy regarding smoking. Terry gave an example of a wedding at the Community Center where an area of the terrace may be made available for people to smoke. Mike Holmes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ross then directed Authority members to the map of the campus displayed at the front of the room. He commented on the attractive look at the entrance of the campus with the streetscape and the removal of Woodbury Hall. Ross recommended to the group that the former location of Woodbury Hall be offered as a parking lot with a decorative wall to not detract from the current view.

The location for commercial development could then be shifted to the current parking lot location. At this time, Ross is not certain of the steps required to make this change and will work with the town to do so. Moving the commercial development location provides a larger piece of property for development and would allow for the proposed parking lot area to be used for events and sports parking when the business is not open. The group then discussed options for the parking lot. Melissa added that the area appears more massive now that Woodbury Hall has been removed.

Phil then directed members to the NYA building on the map to show the proposed location for the ice rink which would be attached to the right side of the NYA building. He added that the NYA will have to go through the FHA as part of the process to renegotiate their lease. He then informed members of another interested party who would like to build an indoor tennis facility on the campus, and that he felt the current location of Cochran Hall would be a good site. The group then discussed the cost of demolition and the work that has been done on the campus to date.

Ross then welcomed Melissa Beylouni to her first FHA meeting and asked that she update the group on herself. She explained to the members that the email informing her of her appointment went to her spam, so she was surprised and felt enthused when she realized that she was asked to join the group.

b) Executive Session – Discussion of Employee Performance:

Ross informed members that he would be tabling the executive session.

Member Update:

There were no additional member updates. (See Phil Clark's update under Chairman's report.)

Staff Update:

a) Campus updates – Christal:

Stratford Hall – Building:

Christal informed members the flat roofs replacements are completed on Stratford Hall. Bids are still in the review process for the replacement of the Stratford Hall peaked roof. The peaked roof will be remediated as well as replaced.

Streetscape:

Spring maintenance of the streetscape has been completed. The former location of Woodbury Hall has been top soiled and will be hydro-seeded this week so that the area should be growing grass over the summer. Once grass is growing the fence can be removed.

Community Center:

The FHA is still involved in basement removal at the Community Center site. There was a known section of foundation that was not removed which now interferes with placement of pipes making it necessary to remobilize the demolition company to have this t-section of foundation removed and remain on standby in the event other sections are discovered. Phil asked who is incurring this additional cost and Christal responded that it is being paid from the FHA budget. Phil then asked if the architects and engineers of Community Center were aware that they had to design around this existing condition and Christal responded that she

believes Caldwell Walsh was aware. Phil then asked Authority members if he could volunteer to discuss this matter further with the First Selectman. All members agreed this would be beneficial.

Stratford Hall – Brewery:

Christal informed members that conversations are continuing with the brewery for Stratford Hall. Renata asked for more information regarding the distribution of the beer. Christal and Ross explained that this would be discussed in the details with the First Selectman. Ross added that he was approached by the proposed brewery owners to see if there are any elements from other buildings that could be incorporated into the interior design of Stratford Hall. Ross has discussed reuse possibilities with George Benson.

Stratford Hall – Letter of Intent:

Christal made the group aware of a new proposal for the Stratford Hall building, and reminded Ross that a letter of intent was brought forward by Stratford Hall. Ross said that the Authority should accept the letter for consideration noting that it has been brought forward and is on record. At this time there is no need to vote on the letter of intent.

b) Upcoming Events & Activities – Kim:

Kim provided members a list of campus events for the month of June:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Super Cool Plant Sale	Saturday, June 2 nd	8 – 3 p.m.	D.G. Beers Blvd, side of Shelton House
Strut Your Mutt	Saturday, June 2 nd	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Old Mile Hill Rd & walking trail.
Catherine Violet Hubbard Butterfly Party	Saturday, June 9 th	12 – 4 p.m.	Green in front of NYA
Newtown Farmers’ Market	Starting Tuesday, June 12 th through October	2 – 6:30 p.m.	Area to left of campus entrance
Rooster Run	Saturday, June 23 rd	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Keating Farms Rd, Mile Hill S., Nunnawauk Rd, walking trails.
Mad Dash	Saturday, June 30 th	8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Keating Farms Rd, walking trail area.

Boy Scout Kiosk:

Kim provided members a status update of the Boy Scout kiosk construction. As per her conversation with Tom Tavar, (Boy Scout Thomas Tavar’s father), the next step in the construction is to pour the concrete slab which requires a few dry weather days. Once the concrete is dry, they will start to erect two brick pillars and construct the roof. The hope is that the pillars will be built by the end of June weather permitting. The current plan is to have the kiosk completed in the July to August timeframe.

Phil informed Kim that a slight design change was communicated to him when he was on vacation and asked if the Building department was made aware of this modification. Kim was not aware of

this change and will follow-up with the building department to ensure the changes to the structure have been approved.

Adjournment: With no further business, Renata Adler made a motion to adjourn, Melissa Beylouni seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk.*



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Title: Tobacco/Smoke and Vape-Free Parks Policy

Date of Adoption: May 8th, 2018 Draft

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Newtown is committed to a high quality of life for all residents, therefore we believe that:

1. Tobacco/smoke and vape product use in the proximity of young children, teenagers and adults engaging in or observing recreational and leisure activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco/smoke products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus potentially posing a risk of ingestion to humans and wildlife, causing litter problems and brush fires.
3. As parents, guardians, leaders, coaches and officials we are thought of as role models and the use of tobacco/smoke and vape products around youth has a negative impact on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO/SMOKE AND VAPE-FREE FACILITIES

No person shall use tobacco, smoke or vaping products at any Parks and Recreation facility or associated parking lots, including but not limited to the following recreation areas in the Town of Newtown:

Dickinson Park
Lake Lillinonah
Treadwell Park
Eichler's Cove Beach and Marina
Orchard Hill Nature Preserve
Walnut Tree Hill Field
Glander Fields
Park and Bark Dog Park
Oakview Field
Liberty Fields
Fairfield Hills Campus (Athletic/Special Event Spaces, Fields, Trails, High Meadow Field and The Victory Garden)

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

1. Signs will be posted at all Parks and Recreation facilities.

2. Town staff, including the Recreation Director and any Parks and Recreation Staff, will make periodic observations to monitor compliance.
3. The community and facility users will be notified of this policy through various communications channels including but not limited to the town website, local newspaper, program previews and various forms of social media.
4. Athletic associations and organizations that utilize town-owned facilities are committed to enforcing this policy during all scheduled activities and special events.
5. Any person found violating this policy may be subject to being told to leave the facility at the given time and/or for the remainder of the event or day.

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption, which is _____, 20_____.

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