



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority
MINUTES

**The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Meeting on June 24, 2019
At the Cyrenius Booth Library, 25 Main St, 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, Terry Sagedy, Michael Holmes

Absent: Renata Adler, Christal Preszler

Public Attendance: none

Also Present: Kim Chiappetta (clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Public Participation:
None

Minutes:

Mr. Carley asked for a motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2019 and April 22, 2019. Melissa Beylouni entertained. Brook Clark seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman's Report

Stratford Hall:

Chairman Carley began by telling members that work continues with sealing the leaks in Stratford Hall. Melissa noted the progress being made by the business owners and found it interesting.

Event Location:

Homestead Meadow (former location of the doctors' houses behind Norwalk Hall) will be used for its first event in September with the REACH Car Show. The car show will serve as a test to host other future events at this location. The group discussed how the area would serve as a good events space as it already has both water and power existing in the area.

Funds:

Ross explained to members that funds have been officially donated by the FHA to the Community Center for exterior bathrooms. He added that there continues to be a need to obtain funds to secure the empty buildings, and that police are in agreement with this need. The group then discussed the issue with trespassers.

FHMPCR survey:

Ross said that he hoped everyone took the Fairfield Hills survey. The next FHMPRC meetings are special meetings scheduled for July 11th & July 12th. Mike Holmes asked when the Master Plan review process would be completed. Ross explained that after the Review Committee documents their recommendations they are then presented to the BOS, who has opportunity to make amendments or approve as is. Finally the recommendations are presented to Planning & Zoning. Ross stressed that when recommendations are being made it must be considered what is best for the town.

Member Updates

Ice Rink:

Walt Motyka asked about the proposed ice rink at the NYA. Ross noted that the Newtown Bee had an article explaining that the project was not moving forward. The group discussed the disappointment of many in town.

First Selectman's Walks:

Walt informed the group that he attends the First Selectman's Walks and that on one of these walks discussed the option of an amphitheater on campus. The group talked about potential locations and possible effects on residents in the area. Walt continued that on another walk the cupolas were discussed, and it was explained that the cupolas must be retained as part of the site to qualify for certain grants.

End of Term:

Melissa told members that her term is up at the end of July and asked what she needed to do. The group discussed other members' terms and who would be staying on.

Staff Update

Events & Activities – Kim:

Brew Pub:

Kim Chiappetta began by expanding on the earlier conversation regarding the status of Stratford Hall. A wall was opened allowing more light into the space and the woodwork is being cleaned. Kim noted the brewery owners' appreciation of the historical elements of the building.

Events:

Kim told members that according to the Newtown Bee, Catherine's Butterfly Party had 6,000 in attendance and the event was a great success. She explained the need for more coordination as the campus is growing and discussed how different events require different considerations.

Eagle Scout Kiosk:

Kim told members that the Eagle Scout kiosk project continues and is expected to have the brick pillars completed the end of this month barring any issues with the weather. Andrew Philbin told everyone that he had seen the pillars were being built.

Community Center Ribbon Cutting:

Kim said that the tentative date for the Community Center ribbon cutting is July 19th.

Parking on Campus:

Kim explained to everyone the need for all campus tenants to communicate activities and events outside of normal business that would require additional parking on campus. A meeting was held with all campus tenants and the outcome was that a shared calendar would be used to note events outside of normal business where

additional parking would be required. Sharing this information in advance provides the opportunity to select different event dates or secure additional parking off campus.

Adjournment: With no further business, Mike made a motion to adjourn, Terry seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk.*