

***Town of New Fairfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Board of Finance  
Board of Education  
Permanent Building Committee  
4 Brush Hill Road  
New Fairfield, CT 06812***

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Joint Special meeting  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
7:00 PM  
Meeting House Hill School Cafetorium**

<p><b><u>Board of Selectmen members present</u></b> Melissa Lindsey, First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Selectman Tom Perkins, Selectman</p>	<p><b><u>Board of Finance members present</u></b> Thora Perkins, BOF Chairman Patrick Hearty, BOF member Wes Marsh, BOF member Cheryl Reedy, BOF member Claudia Willard, BOF member Peggy Katkocin, BOF alternate member <b><u>Board of Finance members not present</u></b> Mark Beninson, BOF member John Arizzi, BOF alternate member</p>
<p><b><u>Board of Education members present</u></b> Dominic Cipollone, BOE Chairman Tim Blair, BOE member Greg Flanagan, BOE member Sue Huwer, BOE member Amy Johnson, BOE member Kim LaTourette, BOE member Samantha Mannion, BOE member Ed Sbordone, BOE member <b><u>Board of Education members not present</u></b> Kathy Baker, BOE member</p>	<p><b><u>Permanent Building Committee members present</u></b> Don Kellogg, PBC Chairman Maureen Clegg, PBC member</p>
<p><b><u>Working Group members present</u></b> Dr. Ken Craw, Superintendent of Schools Carrie DePuy, Director of Business and Operations Tony Iadarola, Town Engineer Scott Pellman, Colliers Owner's Representative Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds Ben Doto, Civil Engineer</p>	

### **Call To Order**

First Selectman Melissa Lindsey called the meeting to order for the BOS at 7:05pm

BOE Chairman Dominic Cipollone called the meeting to order for the BOE at 7:05pm

BOF Chairman Thora Perkins called the meeting to order for the BOF at 7:05pm

PBC Chairman Don Kellogg called the meeting to order for the PBC at 7:05pm but noted that there was no quorum present for the PBC.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Information Items**

BOE Chairman Dominic Cipollone thanked all the Boards for coming together to discuss potential solutions for the Bus lot.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ken Craw noted that all the information and presentations regarding the bus lot are available on-line.

PBC Chairman Don Kellogg noted that the Bus Lot working group has met approximately five times since the last Joint Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. He introduced Civil Engineer Ben Doto.

Civil Engineer Ben Doto gave a presentation of conceptual plans and estimates for multiple sites for the Bus Lot. He gave a brief description of his background including his experience and projects including the Danbury Bus Lot. He noted that the schedule to complete this project would be approximately 9-12 months and would be done in phases.

Mr. Doto evaluated four possible scenarios for the New Fairfield Bus Lot and spoke of the cost estimates and pros and cons of each site. He noted that all options meet the minimum criteria.

<b>Parcel A</b> Former Consolidated School Site- 302 Ball Pond Road- lowest cost
<b>Parcel B-</b> High School/Middle School campus- 54 Gillotti Road
<b>Parcel G-</b> Cell Tower- New Consolidated School- 302 Ball Pond Road and 24 Gillotti Road
<b>Parcel H-</b> New Fairfield Drop Off Center- 33 Bigelow Road- Decided to not be an option.

Members of all the participating Boards asked questions of the Working Group and discussed the pros and cons of all the options. It was decided that Parcel H at the Drop Off Center was not a viable option. The discussion included the other three options and spoke of the possibility of having the buses at the high school and relocating the current amenities to another location and the possible need to monitor who comes on the High School/Middle School campus. There was a discussion of the possibility of closing the campus further up the hill on the High School/Middle School campus and leaving the amenities such as the playground and the Dog Park in their current location. They

discussed the option for the old Consolidated School property and factors that affect the cost of each location.

Approximately one dozen members of the public gave their options about the Bus Lot options. Ben Doto noted that the questions and opinions of the public will be taken into consideration at the next Working Group meeting. He will then give his recommendation for the best option.

First Selectman Melissa Lindsey encouraged members of the public to give comments for the next 60 days. She will provide a button on the Town's website for residents to write comments.

### **Adjournment**

Cheryl Reedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the BOF at 9:31 pm. Thora Perkins seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Dominic Cipollone made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the BOE at 9:31 pm. Greg Flanagan seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Melissa Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the BOS at 9:31 pm. Tom Perkins seconded the motion- **All in favor**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos