

**Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes 1/14/25**

Members Present: Glenn Paterson (Speaker Phone, BOF), Harry Colonis (RTM), Kim Allen (DOF, non-voting), Lindsay Khan (RTM), Marcia Benvenuti (BOE), Mark Campo (RTM), Rob Brule (BOS), Ron Fedor (BOF), Tom Giard (Superintendent of Schools, non-voting), Ursula Moreshead (RTM)

Members Absent: Christina Jessuk (RTM)

Ex-Officio Member: Paul Goldstein, Moderator RTM

Staff Present: Joe Mancini, BOE Buisness Manager

- 1) Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 PM by Temporary Chairperson Goldstein
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call Taken
- 4) Public Comment:
 - a) Bryan Sayles, 54 Wintergreen Dr, Quaker Hill, CT please back up letter attached.
 - b) Tina Dubosque
- 5) Election of Chair: Motion by Fedor, 2nd by Benvenuti to nominate Glenn Paterson, chairperson.
Vote: Unanimous: Colonis, Khan, Benvenuti, Campo, Brule, Fedor, Moreshead
(Patterson left speaker phone prior to vote. Temporary Chairperson Goldstein Continued Meeting)
- 6) Consider and act on June 16 th 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Benvenuti & 2nd by Moreshead. Discussion Ensued.
Vote: In Favor, Colonis, Khan, Benvenuti, Campo, Brule, Moreshead
Abstainsion: Fedor
Motion Passes: 6 – 0 – 1
- 7) New Buisness:

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- a) Motion by Fedor & 2nd by Benvenuti to have Quarterly Meetings. Discussion: Kim (DOF) to make draft schedule
Vote: Unanimous: Colonis, Khan, Benvenuti, Campo, Brule, Fedor, Moreshead

- b) Motion by Benvenuti & 2nd by Moreshead to have Gary Schnider, Director of Public Works provide Building Facilities plan back up and any facility plan documents to LRFP prior to next meeting for review. Discussion ensued regarding Facilities plan, Fleet plan, and fleet maintenance software that was presented to last LRFP members.
Vote: Unanimous: Colonis, Khan, Benvenuti, Campo, Brule, Fedor, Moreshead

- 8) **Adjournment:** Motion by Fedor & 2nd Colonis @ 6:26pm
Vote: Unanimous: Colonis, Khan, Benvenuti, Campo, Brule, Fedor, Moreshead

Respectfully Submitted by: Paul Goldstein, Temporary Chairperson

January 14, 2025

Long Range Financial Planning Committee
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Committee Members,

I am here today to ask the question of what the stated goal(s) of long-term planning committee is? I am also curious as to why there are enormous gaps in the meeting schedule and an obvious lack of follow up. Particularly as there seems to be an attempt to fast track a new Oswegatchie Fire Station building.

Long Range Planning about the subject should have been regularly communicated in public meetings yet, there is no substantive dialogue anywhere in the agendas posted on our town web site. Not even meeting minutes for those meetings that did take place. Where is any of the critical thinking that was discussed during any of those meetings? Our town website lists only meeting Agendas for approximately one-half of 2021, one-third of 2022, one-sixth of 2023, and ZERO meetings in 2024.

Which brings me to my point about the importance of this committee. That, it is entirely unfair of the town to spend many millions of dollars on a new firehouse when the one in use can be and should have been repaired. Our Quaker Hill Firehouse continues to be left understaffed or empty and is a constant disservice to the community.

Sincerely,



Bryan Sayles
54 Wintergreen Drive
Quaker Hill, CT 06375

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