

Fairfax Town Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
Fairfax Women's Club
Wednesday, June 2, 2010

The regular meeting was preceded by a special meeting closed session regarding: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Agency designated representative: Michael Rock, Town Manager; Employee Organizations: Police Officers Association and Management Employees; PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Government Code 54947 (Position Title: Police Chief); and CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), PENDING LITIGATION, Marin Superior Court No. CV 086177, Town of Fairfax v. John and Marlia Berg

Call to Order/Roll Call:

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Bragman
Pam Hartwell-Herrero
John Reed
Lew Tremaine
David Weinsoff

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Rock, Town Manager
Jim Moore, Planning Director
Jim Karpiak, Town Attorney
Roger Meagor, Ross Valley Fire Chief
Judy Anderson, Town Clerk

Mayor Tremaine called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/S, Weinsoff/Hartwell-Herrero, Motion to approve the agenda and the affidavit of posting with the continuation of the public hearing on the Master Fee Schedule and the item regarding a contract for business license services to be continued to the regular Council meeting scheduled for July 7, 2010.

Vice Mayor Bragman noted that an item regarding the installation of Smart Meters did not make it to the agenda.

AYES: All

Announcement of Closed Session Action

Mayor Tremaine announced that the Council had conferred with Labor Negotiator Rock regarding the Police Officers Association and the Management Employees and had given direction; that the Council had received a report and had given direction regarding the Police Chief position; and that the Council had conferred with legal counsel regarding Fairfax v. Berg and that no decisions were made.

Announcements

Mayor Tremaine made the announcements as printed on the agenda.

Open Time for Public Expression

Michael Mackintosh, Pastori Ave., thanked Fairfax for taking a truck to a recent car show at the Marin

Civic Center; asked for the cost to date of the Berg litigation because it was important for the public to see where their money was being spent; and asked that the Council remove two items from the Consent Calendar for discussion, one reporting on finances for the month of April and one on the review of the Conflict of Interest Code.

Mayor Tremaine stated that Mr. Mackintosh could comment on any item on the Consent Calendar at the outset of the item.

Town Manager Rock stated that he did not have the Berg costs at hand, but that he could send them to Mr. Mackintosh.

Frank Egger submitted a draft of an ordinance to ban the installation of Smart Meters in Fairfax and provided copies to the Council, Town Attorney and the Town Clerk. He stated that PG&E was installing Smart Meters at a rapid rate and urged the Council to take action.

Sierra Salin, Cascade Drive, expressed concern that Fairfax did not have a designated alien landing strip in Town to leave the country; that he had been riding his bike with his daughter to Glen Drive; that you could no longer turn left from Glen Drive into the turn lane; suggested that the Town consider changing it back to the way it used to be, especially if White Hill School was going to be enlarged; and he also stated that the crosswalk to Glen Drive was narrow and squared and would be better wider and rounded.

Mark Bell, Dominga Ave., stated that, in light of the latest act of piracy, theft, murder and kidnapping, Fairfax should become a sister city with Gaza.

Interview and re-appointment of Artists-in-Residence Sam and Shoshana Parry for an additional two years to June 30, 2012 and approval of contract

Shoshana Perry was present for the interview and listed some of the projects undertaken by the Artists-in-Residence; stated that they would like to get local artists to display their art around town to showcase the local artists; and requested that their current stipend of \$400 be raised if possible.

M/S, Weinsoff/Reed, Motion to re-appoint Artists-in-Residence Sam and Shoshana Parry for an additional two years to June 30, 2012 and to approve their contract as presented.

AYES: All

Interview and appointment of candidates to serve on the Fairfax Youth Commission

Ryan Meagher, Emma Mooney, Carlee Murray, Matt Saunders, Olivia Sicroff and Jolon Timms were interviewed by the Town Council as Youth Commission candidates.

Councilmember Weinsoff stated that Councilmember Hartwell-Herrero would be working closely with the Commission to provide activities for youth in the community.

M/S, Bragman/Reed, Motion to appoint all the applicants to the Youth Commission.

AYES: All

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Councilmember Reed reported on meetings held about the siting of a new elementary school in Fairfax and stated that there was a Ross Valley School District (RVSD) board meeting the following evening when the choice of a school site would again be discussed. He reported on the meeting of the school

board he attended when Mayor Tremaine presented the results of the charrette held in Fairfax to the Board.

Vice Mayor Bragman reported on research he had done on the SMART Meter issue including a review of the Town's franchise agreement regarding electricity with PG&E from 1938 which covered the installation of poles, meters, wires and other structures. After his research, including a review of the Franchise Act of 1937 and the Public Utilities Code, he determined that the local legislative body could impose conditions on poles, wires, support structures and meters in their jurisdiction. He stated that the issue was laid out in the draft ordinance presented by former Councilmember Egger; that he would research the matter further; and asked that the item be placed on the July agenda for further discussion.

Councilmember Hartwell-Herrero reported on her attendance at a Marin County Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) meeting in Tiburon; at a Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting; and reported that she had been working on the Cittaslow application and on the development of the Youth Commission and a budget for youth activities.

Councilmember Weinsoff reported on his attendance at MCCMC with Dick Spotswood as the speaker.

Mayor Tremaine reported on the Marin Energy Authority and how the clean energy program was up and running and serving over 6,000 customers. He reported on his attendance at the RVSD board meeting when he presented the results of the charrettes held in Fairfax on the school siting issue; stated that the School St. site had been determined to be the preferred site of the community; that his report wasn't accepted well by the school board; that one school board member was especially rude; that he was appalled by the reception they had received; that Fairfax had been asked by the School District for the Town's input and then were treated badly when they presented the results; and that the RVSD board would likely decide between the Deer Park and School Street locations at the meeting the following night and encouraged anyone interested to attend.

Mayor Tremaine opened the discussion to the audience to comment on the Council reports.

Trevor Hughes, Porteous Ave., stated that he had been to 38 meetings on the topic of the school siting; commended the Town Council for their responsible behavior that represented that they had the welfare of the citizens at heart; and that the only way for the citizens of Fairfax to be heard was to have the Council adopt some type of resolution in support of the new school to be located at School Street.

Janet Garvin, 160 Porteous, reported that she had been to about 30 meetings on the school site subject; that she felt that the RVSD board lacked due diligence and fairness in their process; that traffic was a big issue for the Deer Park neighborhood; asked for clarification about the process for making decisions about traffic impacts; noted that the school board had suggested that the Town enforce their existing parking regulations to improve traffic flow in Deer Park; and asked if there were regulations that weren't being enforced.

Valeri Hood, Dominga Ave., expressed disappointment that the Smart Meter item had not been placed on the agenda.

Helen Fauss, Scenic Road, presented a written statement to the Council that provided a brief history of the school siting issue; stated that all of their concerns had not been heard by the School Board; that she had attended about 30 meetings and had gotten nowhere; that she was coming to the Town Council for action; that the Town had hosted two Saturday workshops on the topic where the overwhelming conclusion was to use the School Street Plaza site for a new school; and asked that the Town Council draft a resolution in strong opposition to using Deer Park as an elementary school and in support of either a school at School Street Plaza or a fifth grade at White Hill.

Joe Odom, Porteous Ave., attended the last RVSD board meeting and was saddened by the reception

given to the Mayor of Fairfax; stated that the board requested that the Fairfax Council bring forward a bond to pay for a school at the School Street location; reported that he had heard no voice for the children at those meetings; and presented a flyer to the Council with classroom statistics to illustrate that there was enough existing classroom space, with 26 classrooms not currently used for academics, without building a new school.

Michael Mackintosh, Pastori Ave., stated that he was glad his property was out of the discussion for a school site; questioned why the RVSD board would express hostility in a public format; and suggested that funds could be secured if the site at School St. could also be used for flood control.

Tony Yudice, Forrest Terrace, stated that he didn't think the School District should have sold former school sites and that the public was now paying for the poor planning of the School District.

Valeri Hood, Dominga Ave., stated that the School Board spoke down to the Fairfax residents who attended their meetings and didn't respect the opinions of Fairfax people; that they had already decided to site the school at Deer Park; and that the Deer Park neighbors had done their due diligence.

Sierra Salin, Cascade Drive, stated that the bottom line was that the children were our future and that they needed space; that the population increase was a bubble; that it needed to be determined how many children there would be and where the money was going to come from; and suggested that they should all work together.

Mayor Tremaine praised the work of Jim Moore for putting on the charrettes on the school siting topic and for his report that was presented to the School Board.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

No report was given.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Financial Reports through April, 2010 - Finance

Approval of Town Council minutes of May 5, 2010 – Town Clerk

Adoption of Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax authorizing temporary closure of certain streets and portions thereof, and the closure of the Pavilion parking lot to the public, to allow a Town Parade on June 12, 2009 and Town Festival, including an Eco-fest, on June 12 and 13, 2010 – Town Clerk

Adoption of a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax opposing Arizona law SB 1070 and urging its immediate repeal – Bragman, Hartwell-Herrero

Approval of Town Council support of AB 1717 providing for Electronic Access to Ballot Material – Weinsoff

Approval of the report on the mandated review of the Town's Conflict of Interest Code and the determination that no action is necessary to amend the Code – Town Clerk

Authorization for a letter from the Mayor to Senator Leno and Assemblymember Huffman in opposition to the Governor's budget proposal to severely cut State funding for childcare – Weinsoff

Michael Mackintosh, asked about the cost of legal services for the Town which were way over budget; stated that he thought the Council should review the financial reports every month so the residents understood how their money was being spent; and also asked for an explanation of the review of the Conflict of Interest Code; and asked that the costs for the Berg litigation be made public.

Town Clerk Anderson explained that the Town's Conflict of Interest Code had to be reviewed every two years and a report made to the Town Council.

Town Manager Rock stated that he would provide Mr. Mackintosh with the costs for the Berg litigation.

Councilmember Weinsoff called attention to the item on the Consent calendar that authorized a letter to the governor about proposed budget cuts for childcare and reported that such cuts would include 1.2 billion dollars from the CalWorks program that would impact 1200 Marin children; and that he would be drafting a letter to our legislators for the Council's consideration on the issue.

Councilmember Hartwell-Herrero reported on correspondence she had received from a resident threatening to boycott Fairfax businesses if the proposed resolution regarding the Arizona legislation was passed. She suggested that the language could be changed in the proposed resolution. She expressed her hesitation to do anything to hamper local business in the current economy. Councilmember Weinsoff objected to deleting any language that made the resolution pertinent to Fairfax. The Council discussed the language and added wording to the second "Be it Further Resolved" paragraph to read, "if the same goods or services can be provided at comparable cost by a provider located elsewhere."

M/S, Weinsoff/Hartwell-Herrero, Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar with the change in the language to the resolution as presented.

AYES: All

Discussion/Consideration of a revised Master Fee Schedule (2nd public hearing scheduled for July 7, 2010) – Finance

The public hearing for this item was continued to the July 7, 2010 meeting.

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 751, an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax amending a second unit amnesty program to eliminate the requirement for fire suppression sprinklers for existing second units qualifying for legalization - Planning

Planning and Building Services Director Moore presented the staff report.

Councilmember Weinsoff stated that his concerns had been presented at the previous meeting; that he supported the Fire Chief's recommendations regarding the installation of fire sprinklers; and he requested a roll call vote so that he could register his vote against the ordinance.

M/S, Bragman/Reed, Motion to waive further reading and to read the title only of Ordinance No. 751, an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax amending a second unit amnesty program to eliminate the requirement for fire suppression sprinklers for existing second units qualifying for legalization.

AYES: All

M/S, Bragman/Reed, Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 751, an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax amending a second unit amnesty program to eliminate the requirement for fire suppression sprinklers for existing second units qualifying for legalization.

Roll call vote:

Bragman: AYE; Hartwell-Herrero: AYE; Reed: AYE; Tremaine: AYE; Weinsoff: NO

Mayor Tremaine adjourned the meeting for a break from 9:07 to 9:20 p.m.

Discussion and Consideration of the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement among the Town of Fairfax, Town of San Anselmo, and the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District for the Ross Valley Fire Department – Tremaine, Fire Chief

Mayor Tremaine presented an overview of the item and reviewed the discussion held at the previous meeting.

Fire Chief Meagor presented a staff report that included a brief history of the efforts to expand the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) of the Fire Service. He noted that Sleepy Hollow had chosen not to become a member when the towns of San Anselmo and Fairfax first joined their two departments in 1982 but was currently interested in becoming a member; that Sleepy Hollow would make it a stronger JPA; that it was a good agreement for all three jurisdictions; provided numbers compiled to show the percentages of costs and staffing; and stated that the agreement was good for Fairfax because the Town's percentage share would remain the same and the Town would realize a one-time savings of \$28,000 because of Sleepy Hollow's contribution of \$92,000.

John Sharp, Municipal Law Attorney, stated that he was a neutral party who had been hired to review the JPA agreement. He stated that his review had been fairly narrow and was from the Fairfax perspective. He stated that he had determined that the proposed JPA was in accordance with the applicable sections of the Government Code; that the language was awkward in the section regarding the voting mechanism and was troublesome; noted that he hadn't seen the recommended amendments; and that the section regarding withdrawal from the JPA removed the specific formula and replaced it with language that was more subjective.

Town Attorney Karpiak stated that it was inappropriate to respond to Attorney Sharp's comments but that he would not disagree with any of the comments.

Vice Mayor Bragman stated that he had some continuing concerns about the agreement; that strengthening the JPA and bringing Sleepy Hollow into the fire service were good ideas; but that he had concerns about the rights of withdrawal for Fairfax; that the JPA as drafted would require the withdrawing agency to go to the Board to determine the provisions of withdrawal; that he would have preferred to go back to the original withdrawal provisions; that he would support a clause to outline how to mediate disputes on the occasion of the withdrawal of a member to avoid litigation; stated that Fairfax was losing voting power and would become a minority; that Sleepy Hollow would have equal voting rights for a much smaller population; illustrated that the cost-sharing formula was a hybrid because it would be 26.4% if assessed valuations were used and less than 30.4% if the area covered by each jurisdiction was used; that San Anselmo's share was less than their population; asked why Fairfax wasn't getting any of the increased revenue; why the \$93,000 contribution from Sleepy Hollow wasn't going back to the General Fund accounts that it came from; stated that the proposed JPA was inconsistent with the interests of the Town of Fairfax; that the unanimity clause that was proposed was unacceptable; that any decision over 4% should be a dollar amount and that unanimity should be required for big ticket items; that there was no personal animosity toward Sleepy Hollow involved; that it would be a lot more fair if Sleepy Hollow didn't have an equal vote; that Sleepy Hollow with one voting member and one non-voting member worked for him; and that this would be more equitable, especially if a goal was to attract Ross as a member

Mayor Tremaine explained that the entire voting structure was drafted to avoid the possibility that a swing vote would become automatic; that the proposed structure was much better because it would provide for a specified amount of time to work out any contentious issue even though it would be more expedient if the decisions could be made quickly; that he didn't expect Fairfax to become a minority nor would the other members; that there would be no minority because everybody would have the same

number of votes; and that he was surprised that anyone would want to go back to a swing vote scenario.

Vice Mayor Bragman stated that the revised JPA would double the possibility that Sleepy Hollow would become the swing vote; that it was his impression that it was not a big issue for Sleepy Hollow; that the voting would be disproportionate with two larger agencies with larger populations and larger contributions given the same number of votes; that it was going to take a long time to make a major decision and that was a good thing; but that to give Sleepy Hollow the same vote would be out of balance.

Councilmember Weinsoff stated that both Mayor Tremaine and Vice Mayor Bragman were correct, but just held different views; that the three agencies had worked collaboratively over the last 28 years; that the Fire Service had been successful; that the Council had received information on the Town budget that indicated about a \$400,000 deficit; that the 30.4% contribution rate was something to bank on in uncertain financial times.

There was a Council discussion about the voting and the percentage of costs paid by each agency.

Councilmember Hartwell-Herrero asked if the votes allotted each agency was a deal breaker for Sleepy Hollow and Mayor Tremaine stated that it was for him.

Councilmember Reed stated that it was a good thing and he wanted to see it work but that he had concerns about the voting structure. He suggested that perhaps the Fire Department could provide office space for the Finance Department so that planned youth activities could use the entire Youth Center partially occupied by Finance.

Mayor Tremaine stated that the changed voting was part of the negotiated agreement; that Sleepy Hollow with two votes didn't give them too much power; and that the space issue wasn't a JPA issue, but a staff issue and could be worked out at the staff level.

Mayor Tremaine opened the discussion to the public:

Barbara Thornton, San Anselmo Mayor, responded to concerns expressed that San Anselmo was gaining more from the new JPA. She reported that San Anselmo had spent 1.7 million after the flood to restore the station in San Anselmo for the administration of the fire service without reimbursement; that money from OES for outside the area labor costs had to be paid back to Sleepy Hollow including possibly \$80 to \$90,000 in the first year of the revised JPA minimizing the positive impact for San Anselmo; that Sleepy Hollow had been paying 23% of the labor costs to San Anselmo as part their contract which didn't cover all the expenses; and that more of the expenses of the Fire Service would be shared in the new JPA.

Niccolo Caldararo, Frustuck Ave., suggested that Sleepy Hollow could join with San Anselmo and Fairfax could withdraw and form its own department; that the Fairfax Fire Department could cross train police and fire; that the money for the unfunded liabilities could be addressed with the savings and assets Fairfax would take out of the JPA; that Sleepy Hollow and San Anselmo would get what they want; and that the savings would buy a new school site.

Mark Bell, Dominga Ave., ascertained that the salaries would remain the same.

Jim Irvin, Cascade Drive, employed by Southern Marin Fire Service and in fire service for 32 years, urged Fairfax to approve the agreement; stated that Fairfax couldn't run its own fire service; that the voting process was unique and original and did a great job of taking on an issue that had kept the JPA from moving forward in the past; that the 30.4 % share for Fairfax was reasonable; that an argument could be made, based on calls and other factors, that Fairfax should pay more; and that the revised JPA represented a good will effort on the part of many people to make it work.

Valeri Hood, Dominga Ave., stated that the discussion seemed the same as the previous discussion; thanked Vice Mayor Bragman and Councilmembers Hartwell-Herrero and Reed for advocating for Fairfax; and expressed hope that the number of firefighters in the room wouldn't influence the Council's decision.

Mallory Geitheim, Willow Avenue, stated that Sleepy Hollow and San Anselmo had the same sensibilities; that she couldn't see the benefit for Fairfax; and that Fairfax should have 50% of the vote.

Frank Berto, Sleepy Hollow, a 27-year non-voting member of the Fire Board, rebutted the notion that Sleepy Hollow would be in lock step with San Anselmo and stated that they would not echo San Anselmo on the Board; requested that the Town Council vote up or down on the proposal; and stated that if Fairfax didn't sign the agreement, that Sleepy Hollow would contract with San Anselmo again for fire service.

Matt DeCunha, stated that he supported Fairfax going forward with the revised JPA; that the fire department had been around since 1968; that he had worked from 1985-1992 for the Fairfax Police Department; that he currently worked for the Santa Rosa Fire Department; that Ross Valley Fire had local people working there and was a great department; and asked that the Council support the fire department and sign the JPA.

Michael Mackintosh, Pastori Ave., cautioned the Council to be as prudent as possible; suggested that each entity should have 3 votes; that the number of calls, square mileage and assessed valuation be used to make it equitable; that it was a collective agreement; that it was a great fire department; and that the Council should go ahead with the JPA.

Frank Egger, Meadow Way, stated that the Ross Valley Fire Authority provided the best fire service possible; that Sleepy Hollow, San Anselmo and the firefighters should support it; that Ross and Kentfield should join Ross Valley Fire and form a fire district; repeated his request from the previous meeting to have Councilmember Weinsoff recuse himself from the decision because his biggest contributor in the last Council campaign was the Firefighters union; read from the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) decision regarding the 2005 election and campaign reporting that wasn't filed on behalf of the firefighters union; and stated that three-quarters of a million dollars was owed to the Fairfax and Anselmo taxpayers from former fire chief Mollenkopf as reimbursement for money embezzled.

Steve Warner, former Ross Valley Fire Chief, stated that the Firefighters political action committee had paid \$350/hour for attorneys to clear up the lack of reporting from 2005 based on Mr. Egger's complaint because the person who filed the forms had cancer at the time; that the FPPC decision was not pertinent; and urged the Council to approve the agreement because it was a good deal for Fairfax.

Chris Dow, resident of San Anselmo and Ross Valley firefighter and paramedic, stated that, as a San Anselmo resident, he really appreciated the fire service provided by Ross Valley Fire; that a new JPA would make them stronger as a community; and, on behalf of the Ross Valley Firefighters Association, he urged the Council to move forward.

Thomas Finn, Sleepy Hollow Fire Board member and active participant in the negotiations; expressed thanks to all for their work and consideration; stated that he would like to look forward; that the document represented the best efforts of a lot of good people; and urged the Council to execute the agreement.

Susan Brandborg, Dominga Ave., stated that she had served on the Fire Board for many years and that there hadn't been any dissension during her tenure; that the revised JPA would be good for Fairfax and good for the stability of the community; that the percentage paid for the Fairfax share hadn't changed in 28 years and worked; that she hadn't reported an "in-kind" contribution of \$720 for the 2005 election but

had amended her statement at the request of the FPPC; and stated that it was a shame that the fire service was fined for not reporting campaign expenses when the person responsible was dying of cancer and didn't complete the required filings.

Councilmember Weinsoff stated that he hadn't received a letter from FPPC because he had been very scrupulous about his campaign reporting in 2005.

Vice Mayor Bragman stated that the unanimity provisions in the amended agreement were stronger than the old agreement but requested that the language on expenditures requiring unanimity be set at 3% or a dollar amount and that the section regarding withdrawal be amended using language similar to that used in the old agreement. He stated that the use of facilities was part of the JPA because the agreement gave the Fire Service exclusive use of the station.

Roger Meagor, Ross Valley Fire Chief, stated that, if a member were to withdraw, the remaining members shouldn't put up roadblocks to prevent that happening; that withdrawal shouldn't be used as a way to bring down the agency; that the withdrawing agency and the JPA needed to be protected; that withholding assets would not be prudent; that there would be equitable division of assets upon withdrawal, but not to cripple the remaining agency. Chief Meagor further stated that the fire station was a fire facility needed to operate; that the fire service had been very generous with the space in the past including the use of the training room as an Emergency Operations Center; that the Firefighters Association had paid for the upgrades to the training room; that they couldn't accommodate every request; that all the agencies were pressed for space; that they needed control of their space; and that he would hate to tie the use of that room that was providing fire protection for the community to the approval of the JPA.

M/S, Weinsoff/Tremaine, Motion to continue the item to Saturday, June 5th, at 9 a.m. for consideration of amended JPA language to be drafted for consideration by the Town Council.

AYES: All

Review of the Agenda

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Council review the items remaining to be heard on the agenda and agreed to continue the following items to the July 7th meeting:

"Review and discussion of the Draft Open Space Element and report on the status of the Fairfax General Plan" and Discussion/Consideration of re-naming the Solid Waste Committee as the *Zero Waste Committee*."

Discussion and consideration of a shared use agreement between the Town of Fairfax and the Ross Valley School District - Contratti Field – Tremaine

Mayor Tremaine introduced the topic and noted that the School Board had requested the agreement to provide more play area should a school be located at the site.

Mark Bell, Dominga Ave., asked why we would want to share our field with the School District when they didn't listen to the community's input on the school siting.

Mayor Tremaine explained that the resolution was an expression by the Town that the Council would like to have a school at School Street Plaza and to overcome the possible obstacle of a limited play area.

Camille Esposito, Azalea Ave., spoke in support of the resolution.

Councilmember Reed noted that the proximity of Peri Park would also be an asset to a school at the site.

M/S, Weinsoff/Reed, Motion for approval of the proposed agreement for the use of Contratti Field should that site be chosen as a school.

AYES: All

Discussion/Consideration of a proposal for the provision of Youth Services through FOCAS - Assistant to the Town Manager

Town Clerk Anderson presented the staff report.

Camille Esposito, FOCAS Coordinator, described her vision about how to move forward with youth programming for the Town and stated that the budget for the program would be presented to the Council as part of their Town budget discussions.

Authorize the Town Manager to award contracts to qualified bidders for chipper services, brush clearing, tree trimming, and tree removal for the Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant project in the amount of \$148,560 – Town Manager

Town Manager Rock presented the staff report.

Vice Mayor Bragman ascertained that local arborists had been contacted about the project.

Councilmember Reed stated that there was a lot of work to be done; that he hadn't seen mention of a coordination of chipper days; and that he had understood that the grant was to be used to leverage more work getting done.

Michael Mackintosh urged the Council to authorize the Town Manager to go forward to get it done as soon as possible because it was important work.

Mayor Tremaine stated that he would like to see the Town use local companies for the work.

M/S, Weinsoff/Bragman, Motion to adopt a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax Authorizing the Town Manager to award up to three contracts for the Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project.

AYES: All

Approval of Town's application to become a Cittaslow city with the support of the Chamber of Commerce – Hartwell-Herrero

M/S, Hartwell-Herrero/Bragman, Motion to approve of the Town's application to become a Cittaslow city with the support of the Chamber of Commerce.

AYES: All

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Anderson, Town Clerk