

**RTM Public Health and Safety Committee**  
**Special Joint Meeting w/RTM Finance & Budget Committee**  
**October 15, 2019**  
**Darien Town Hall Auditorium**

**MINUTES**

Committee Members in Attendance: Mac Patrick, Gary Swenson, Jennifer Woodbury, Laura Mosher, Olive Hauser, Sara Parent, Lois Schneider, Colin Kelly, Brian Rayhill, Shannon Silsby, Holly Giordano, Penelope Wilson

Committee Members Absent: Sarah Baldwin, Mia Handler, Scott Zimmerman

Others in Attendance: Members of the RTM Finance & Budget Committee, Chief of Police Don Anderson and members of Darien Police Department

F&B Committee Chair Jack Davis called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Sgt. T.J. Moore of the Darien Police Department discussed the opportunity for the department to assist in the development and testing of software that will provide an interface between the department's records management system and the State Court's judicial system. In order to fund this opportunity, the town needs to accept a \$451,000 grant from the State of Connecticut.

It was asked whether this development partnership will tie us in with this specific software vendor. Sgt. Moore responded that it will not, however the department has had a positive relationship with this vendor since 2000.

In response to committee member questions, Sgt. Moore stated that it would take approximately 3-6 months to implement the software, and also that the vendor is national and has experience with implementing this software in other states.

The PH&S Committee voted unanimously to accept the \$451,000 grant.

The committees discussed the consideration to amend the False Alarm fine schedule. False alarms have increased significantly in recent years and the hope is that a graduated fine schedule will help stem repeat violations.

It was clarified that the false alarm fines apply to both police and fire (there is no distinction made in the ordinance between the two types of false alarms).

Since copies of the resolutions were unavailable for review at the time of the meeting, the PH&S Committee deferred voting on Resolutions 19-23 and 19-24 until their next meeting.

The PH&S Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the 9/16/19 PH&S meeting.

Mac Patrick adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Woodbury.