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## Fairfield Lawmakers Praise Bonding for Fire School, Sewer Lines

*State Bond Commission approves funds for Fairfield*

**State Representative Cristin McCarthy Vahey** (D-Fairfield) joined **Rep. Laura Devlin** and **Rep. Brenda Kupchick** in praising the State Bond Commission's approval today of funding to upgrade sewer lines in Fairfield near the Metro Center and finance equipment for the renovation and improvement project at the Fairfield Regional Fire School.

"Upgrading our sewer lines and supporting renovations at the Fairfield Regional Fire School are sound investments that will benefit Fairfield for many years to come. Investing in the training of first responders who keep our families safe is a critical need," **Rep. McCarthy Vahey** said. "As a former member of the Water Pollution Control Authority, I have been a strong advocate for the replacement of the sewer lines. Increasing the capacity of the sewer system will allow Fairfield to sustain greater economic development in the area of the Fairfield Metro Center and grow our tax base."

The approved bonding includes \$750,000 for the replacement of 3,000 feet of sewer lines to support future development in the eastern part of Fairfield, including in the vicinity of the new Fairfield Metro Center rail station. The section of sewer is in need of replacement and the project will facilitate future real estate development near the Metro Center site. Also approved was \$500,000 in funding for equipment for the Fairfield Regional Fire School renovation project.

"Upgrading the sewer lines is a critical step forward in our vision for long-term economic development in Fairfield," First Selectman Mike Tetreau said. "The new fire school facility will ensure that our first responders are receiving the high quality training they need, and I'm glad to see a continued investment in the project. I'd like to thank the delegation for their assistance in securing this funding."

“I have witnessed firsthand the dangerous job our Fairfield firefighters undertake, it is our job as legislators to make sure they receive the proper training. Today’s grant for the Fairfield Regional Fire School provides firefighters with a safe and modern facility to learn the skills we rely on them to deliver to protect our community,” said **Rep. Brenda Kupchick**.

“The Fairfield Regional Fire School is essential to maintaining the public safety of every resident in the County,” said **Rep. Laura Devlin**. “As most volunteer and professional firefighters know, fire schools are instrumental in the training of firefighters and I have been very happy to have been a part of moving this matter forward.”

The fire school renovation project has previously received \$11,818, 069 in state funding and consists of construction of a 9,424 square foot classroom building, a 5,600 square foot support building, a 3,200 square foot class A burn building, and demolition of the previous building.

The State Bond Commission approved both agenda items at its meeting today.

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