

***Town of New Fairfield***  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**4 Brush Hill Road**  
**New Fairfield, CT 06812**

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting**  
**February 1, 2007**  
**6:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield High School**

***Members present:***

John Hodge, First Selectman  
Peggy Katkocin, Selectman  
Ron Oliveri, Selectman

***Other Town Officials Present:***

**Call To Order** First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Discuss “Petition for Town Meeting” handed in by Art Azzarito**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a petition proposed by Art Azzarito regarding a tax exemption for Veterans. Assistant Assessor June McCarney spoke of state statutes and the exemptions that Veterans are currently eligible.

John Hodge read excerpts of Town Counsel’s opinion letter stating that this petition is unlawful. (Copies of this opinion letter are available in the First Selectman’s office.) Mr. Hodge stated that he met with Pete Ballard and Frank O’Connor from the Veteran’s Association. Mr. Hodge proposed having a workshop within the next couple of weeks to explore ways to give more exemptions and get more veterans to qualify. These workshops will be advertised in the Citizen News and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Discussion of proposed Ball Fields at 302 Ball Pond Road**

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Ray Lubus spoke of the ball fields at 302 Ball Pond Road. Mr. Lubus spoke of the proposals for these fields and stated that the process will not go any further until the stakeholders and the community at large can give their opinions regarding the uses for the ball fields.

**Public Comment**

Rudy Baherens spoke about the Veterans program.

Peter Ballard thanked the Board of Selectmen for their hard work regarding the Veterans exemption.

Art Azzarito spoke about state statute regarding the Veterans exemption.

Bob Jano asked about the approval of ball fields at 302 Ball Pond Road

**Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

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