

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 25, 2007
7:30 PM
High School Library

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 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence & Announcements First Selectman John Hodge announced that the Board of Selectmen has endorsed "ALERT NOW" for the purposes of emergency notification. This will be funded by the Office of Emergency Management for the rest of the year and be proposed in the overall budget for next year. Mr. Hodge encouraged residents to fill out the form on Page 4 of the January 17th and January 24th Citizen News and return it to the Police Department. Any information on this form will be kept private. Anyone with questions can call Communication Center Director Bill Hallstead at 312-5719. There will hopefully be a test phone call in the beginning of March.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a meeting he attended last week with DEP officials. Issues discussed at this meeting were a boat sticker program and improvements with Squantz Pond. Mr. Hodge spoke in detail about potential improvements to traffic and safety at Squantz Pond.

John Hodge announced that there will hopefully be a sponsor to have some drive-in movies for the summer at Squantz Pond.

Selectman Ron Oliveri thanked the Town department heads for their professionalism with the budget workshops. Mr. Oliveri thanked Jay Waterman and Town Treasurer Phil Cammarano for their hard work.

Selectman Peggy Katkocin echoed Mr. Oliveri's sentiments regarding the smooth budget process and the professionalism of the department heads.

Public Comment

Resident Art Azzarito spoke about the Veterans Tax Exemption and presented the Board of Selectmen with a petition regarding the Veterans Tax Exemption. First Selectman Hodge noted that the Tax Collector and the Assessor have been working on tax adjustments for Veterans and Elderly Tax relief.

Resident Jim Mellett spoke about the sand that is used on the roads during snow storms. Mr. Mellett also asked about the terminology for the name of the Museum & Historic District.

Approval of Minutes Ron Oliveri made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2007 Regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of Grant John Hodge made a motion to accept an AT&T grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the Senior Center and to approve the expenditure thereof. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of committee to oversee the school construction project design

John Hodge spoke of the forming of a potential committee to oversee the school construction projects. This committee would consist of one member from the Permanent Building Committee, the Board of Education, the Board of Finance, the Board of Selectman and a taxpayer from the community at large. There would also be an alternate from each board to serve on this committee. Mr. Hodge encouraged any citizens with an interest in being on this committee to e-mail him at JHodge@newfairfield.org or call the Selectman's office at 312-5600.

Police update- Nothing to report

Legal update

John Hodge announced that there may be a need for a budget transfer by the next BOS meeting.

Budget transfers

No Budget transfers were needed at this time. Mr. Hodge stated that the installtion of new septic at Ball Pond Firehouse came in significantly under budget due to the volunteer work of Billy Shep. Mr. Hodge thanked Billy Shep for all his help.

Discuss possible usage of 31 & 33 Route 37

John Hodge presented the other selectmen with a floor plan for 31 Route 37. Mr. Hodge spoke of moving some of the Town offices to 31 Route 37 in order to free up the some office spaces in Town Hall.

Public comment - None

General Discussion: Items brought up by the Selectmen for future agendas

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke about the public comments made earlier in the evening. Mr. Oliveri explained that the issue involving the Veterans Tax Exemption has been addressed unlike what was stated earlier in the evening. There was a discussion regarding the petition presented to the BOS earlier that evening. There was a discussion regarding the Town Meeting vs. a Referendum.

Adjournment

Peggy Katkocin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

