

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 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 and Announcements

John Hodge announced that the Veterans Exemption was passed unanimously at a Town meeting on March 6th. This will allow qualified veterans to take an additional \$10,000 off the assessed value of their home. This ordinance also raised the income limit to \$60,300 for a married couple.

John Hodge announced that the Parsonage and Hubbell House were successfully moved to their new location on March 4th.

Peggy Katkocin announced that there was a meeting on March 8th and another one will occur in April to discuss preparedness of the town in case of Bio-terrorism. There will be a “mock” attack on May 5th at the High school. Ms. Katkocin thanked Tim Simpkins and Mary Bevin for all their help with this program.

John Hodge spoke about “ALERT NOW” and encouraged residents to sign up. This program will call residents in the case of an emergency. Mr. Hodge reminded residents that it is free to join and this is a separate system from the Board of Education system and must be registered separately. To register, residents should call the Dispatch Center at 312-5719.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

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Acceptance of Gifts

Preserve New Fairfield, Inc. President Susan Monshaw introduced members of Preserve New Fairfield Inc. Members Ann and Andrew Pechunuke presented Preserve New Fairfield Inc. with a \$5,000 donation. Such donation will be matched by their employer, Pepsi for a total donation of approximately \$15,000.

Water Pollution Control Authority permit fees to connect to the Town of New Fairfield Water System

Tom Quigley from the WPCA spoke a request to join the municipal water system from 97 Route 37. There is a consent order to connect these systems. Mr. Quigley spoke about fees to connect these systems. John Hodge made a motion to accept the Water Pollution Control Authority proposed fees to connect to the Town of New Fairfield Water System in the amount of \$200 for an application fee and \$3,000 for a water connection fee of which \$1,000 will be put into the capital reserve fund and \$2,000 is to be used to reimburse Charter New Fairfield. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Hart Agreement

John Hodge made a motion to table the authorization of the Hart Agreement until the next meeting. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 **from** line item #3400-012 (Senior Center Revenue) **to** line item #4450-810 (Senior Center program expense) also in the amount of \$7,000 due to increased Senior Center Programs revenue and expense to reflect true costs and revenue. (Such document entitled “Additional Appropriation to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$5,000 **from** line item #4215-112 (Comm. Center-part time salaries) **to** line item #4215-130 (Comm. Center-overtime) also in the amount of \$5,000. (Such document entitled “Intra-Department Transfer) to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Keith Norton as Tree Warden for the Town of New Fairfield. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge spoke of New Fairfield becoming a “Tree City, USA”. In order to become a “Tree City, USA”, the Town must first establish a tree ordinance. Mr. Hodge spoke of putting together a committee to establish this ordinance.

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Keith Norton, Thomas Reiner and David Kreiger to a committee to establish a tree ordinance. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Police Dept. Repairs from Emergency Building Fun

John Hodge spoke of the need to repair the Heating and Air Conditioning system at the Police Station.

John Hodge made a motion to appropriate \$14,500 from the Emergency Building Repair Fund for Police Department repairs to their HV/AC system. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment - None

General Discussion: Items brought up by Selectmen for future agendas

John Hodge spoke of amending the current "Elderly Tax Relief program". Mr. Hodge noted that he mentioned this to the Board of Finance at the public hearings. Mr. Hodge announced that BOF Alternate Art Azzarito has offered to look into a program that allows for a "freeze" of taxes for the elderly. It was decided that Mr. Hodge will bring this up again at the next Board of Finance meeting.

Adjournment

Peggy Katkocin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)