

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, April 5, 2007
5:00 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 5:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Changes to Agenda John Hodge made a motion to temporarily table agenda item #2 (Presentation by Mayor Boughton of Danbury) and item #3 (Discuss and possibly vote on an appropriation of \$4500 for a Homeless Program) and move to item #4 (Discuss and possibly vote on a formation of an Elderly Tax Relief Committee). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote on a formation of an Elderly Tax Relief Committee

First Selectman John Hodge spoke about the need for a committee to be formed in order to change the provisions for the Elderly Tax Relief Program. Once this committee is formed, they report back to the Board of Finance.

John Hodge made a motion to appoint June McCarney, Kerry Greening, Bob Burke, Roger Wise and Kathy Hull to form an Elderly Tax Relief Committee to report back to the Board of Finance as per state statute. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Resident Sarah Marsh commented on the inconvenience of having a meeting at 5:00pm.

Executive Session

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:09pm to discuss a personnel issue. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:22pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge read a resignation letter from Director of Emergency Management John Muller.

John Hodge made a motion to accept the resignation with regret of John Muller as Director of Emergency Management effective April 30, 2007. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Ron Oliveri made a motion to appoint Bill Halstead as Director of Emergency Management. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Mr. Halstead will start on Monday, April 9th as to have an overlap with John Muller.

Presentation by Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton

Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton gave a presentation regarding a ten-year program in Danbury to end Homelessness. This program is seeking help from nine area communities to share services. Mayor Boughton spoke of “Dream Homes” which provides residents in the region with help with counseling and services to avoid eviction or to buy a first home. Mayor Boughton spoke of the wide range of services that “Dream Homes” provides.

Vote on appropriation of \$4500 for a Homeless Program

John Hodge made a motion to recommend an additional appropriation for the 2007/2008 budget of \$4500 to join the surrounding communities in their regional effort to end homelessness through the “Dream Homes” program. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Ron Olvieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41pm. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)