

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 28, 2007**  
**7:30 PM**  
**High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Ed McCue, Fire Chief  
Rich Schretzenmayer, Fire Dept.  
Ray Lubus, Parks and Rec Chairman

**Call To Order** First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of firework safety and encouraged residents to go to [www.fireworksafety.com](http://www.fireworksafety.com) before setting off any fireworks.

Selectman Ron Oliveri wished First Selectman John Hodge a very Happy Birthday!

Selectman Peggy Katkocin spoke about a meeting she attended on June 28<sup>th</sup> regarding a Point of Distribution Center in the case of a medical emergency or disaster. Selectman Katkocin encouraged residents to keep updated medical information for each member of the family. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this cause should contact the Health Department.

**Public Comment**

Resident Greg Moore spoke about the new Town Hall hours and also asked about the status of the properties at 31 and 33 Route 39 during the Nor'easter in April.

**Approval of Minutes**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007 regular meeting and the June 21, 2007 special meeting presented. Ron Oliver seconded the motion.

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

**Appropriation for Company A ambulance**

Fire Chief Ed McCue and Firefighter Rich Schretzenmayer spoke of the purchase of an ambulance for the town. First Selectman Hodge thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work with researching the purchase of the ambulance.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the purchase of Company A ambulance with the town contribution not to exceed \$101,250 from the Fire Apparatus replacement fund. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Parks and Recreation Update**

Parks and Recreation Chairman Ray Lubus spoke of the new programs and improvements made by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Lubus thanked the BOS and many other town officials for their support during the last year. The BOS in turn thanked Ray Lubus and the entire Parks and Rec Commission for all their hard work.

### **Vote on General Counsel for 2007-2008**

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Jack Keating as General Counsel for the Town of New Fairfield for the fiscal year 2007-2008. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Peggy Katkocin opposed)**

### **Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Jeanette Sweeney as an alternate to the Commission on the Aging. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint George Buck, Maureen Dangelo, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, Terry Lent and Cynthia Stevens to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Linda Ruston to serve on the Library Board. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Ray Lubus and to appoint Steve Burfiend and Theresa Fiamengo to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to elevate John Fairchild from an alternate member to a regular member of the Permanent Building Committee. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Steve Merullo as an Alternate to the Permanent Building Committee. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

### **Budget transfers**

John Hodge made a motion to make Intra-Departmental transfer **to** line item #4220-430-1 (maint. & repair-Fire Co.) in the amount of \$2,229.78 **from** line item #4220-610-5 (portable equipment-Fire Co.) also in the amount of \$2,229.78 and **to** line item #4161-332-2 (Legal tax) in the amount of

\$2,000 **from** line item #4161-332-9 (Legal-Inland/Wetlands) also in the amount of \$2,000 and **to** line item #4161-332-2 (Legal tax) in the amount of \$4,313.00 **from** line item #4161-332-8 (Legal ZBA) also in the amount of \$4,313.00 and **to** line item #4161-332-7 (Legal Zoning) in the amount of \$3,280.00 **from** line item #4161-332-4 (Legal-General Counsel) in the amount of \$1800 and line item #4161-332-5 (Legal-Health/Enforce.) in the amount of \$1,480.00 for a total transfer of \$11,822.78. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to make an Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$28,000 **to** line item #4151-801 (BOF Contingency) **from** line item # 4140-110 (Salaries-ROV) in the amount of \$5,000 and line item # 4154-110 (Salaries-Tax Coll.) in the amount of \$3,000 and line item # 4160-140 (Salary adjustments) in the amount of \$2,000 and line item# 4160-580 (mileage reimb.) in the amount of \$4,000 and line item# 4162-421 (household hazardous waste) in the amount of \$4,000 and line item # 4310-110 (Salaries-Public works) in the amount of \$5,000 and line item # 4450-441 (Senior Center lease) in the amount of \$2,500 and line item # 4550-110 (Salaries-library) in the amount of \$2,500 for a total transfer of \$28,000. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

#### **Discussion of speed limits on private roads**

John Hodge stated that many private communities have come to him requesting that the town enforce speeding on private roads. A discussion ensued among the BOS regarding the town's responsibility and obligation to enforce speed in private communities. First Selectman Hodge will contact the private communities and ask them to provide the town with a complete list of roads.

#### **State Police Contract**

John Hodge spoke of the State Police contract that expires soon. The new contract will be in effect until June 30, 2009.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with the State Police/ Department of Public Safety. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

#### **Discussion of consent order for a Town Center Water System**

John Hodge noted that DEP has insisted that the town put in a new water system in the center of town. John Hodge spoke of the consent order for this water system and the contamination that occurred about fifteen to twenty years ago. DEP ignored the contamination that occurred. John Hodge stated that the consent order will state that that the town will put in the water system provided that DEP will incur the cost.

#### **Public Comment**

Resident Greg Moore spoke of Doug Thielan's column in the Citizen News.

#### **General Discussion: Items brought up by Selectmen for future agendas**

None

**Finance Dept. reorganization**

John Hodge made a motion to go into executive session at 8:55pm to discuss personnel issues related to the Finance Department reorganization. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:10pm. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to approve the personnel report dated June 28, 2007 as presented (Such document to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.) Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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