

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2007**  
**7:30 PM**  
**High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Bobby Rzasa, Public Works Director  
Ed McCue- Fire Chief

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Recognitions** First Selectman John Hodge welcomed cub scouts from Pack 142.

**Addition to the Agenda**

Peggy Katkocin made a motion to add to the agenda item #4A "Discussion of Freedom of Information Complaint". Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Mike Gil from the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA) spoke of the "Household Hazardous Waste Collection" day that will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the Danbury Public Works Facility. A notice was put in the Citizen News and information can also be found at the website at HRRRA.org

First Selectman John Hodge announced that the Office of Emergency Management is looking to get information for residents who may have disabilities. This information is needed in case of emergency or power outage and will be kept confidential. Residents can contact the Office of Emergency Management Director Bill Halstead at 312-5719 or can contact the Selectman's office at 312-5600.

John Hodge spoke of a meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup> with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the Shoreline Management Plan. This meeting went very well and will hopefully lead to changes in the Shoreline Management Plan.

Selectman Ron Oliveri reminded residents that if they wish to be on the "Do not call" list to avoid telemarketers they should go to donotcall.gov. This list does not renew automatically and has an expiration date.

Ron Oliveri spoke of a website called Ctbiglist.com which contains a list of unclaimed monies that belong to Connecticut residents. Connecticut residents type in their name to see if they have any unclaimed money.

### **Public Comment**

Cub Scout Ben Weiss spoke about a newspaper that he and his friends compile at Meeting House Hill School.

Resident Greg Moore spoke about the new “3 minute” rule for public comment at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

### **Discussion of Freedom of Information Complaint**

A discussion ensued among the selectmen regarding a Freedom of Information suit.

### **Approval of Minutes**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 and September 18, 2007 meetings as presented. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

### **EMS Equipment Grant Award**

Fire Chief Ed McCue spoke of an EMS class offered for the first time this year in the high school. Students have the option after taking this class to go on to becoming certified as an EMT. Equipment is needed for this class. Chief McCue spoke of a grant available for a maximum of \$2999 for this equipment.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign the EMS Equipment Grant Award. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

### **Nova-Chip update and discussion**

John Hodge read into record a letter from Ed Weber from the “Gorman Group” regarding nova chipping. (Attached to the minutes of this meeting). Public Works Director Bobby Rzasa spoke about the process of nova chipping and spoke of the success of Nova Chipping with roads in New Fairfield. Mr. Rzasa spoke of current plans for the road in New Fairfield and announced that 7.7 miles of roads have been nova chipped this year. Members of the Board of Selectmen asked questions of Mr. Rzasa regarding the nova chipping. First Selectman Hodge thanked Bobby Rzasa and the entire Public Works Department for all their hard work.

### **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)**

### **Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Ct. for participation in the 2007-2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland

Security for participation in the year 2007-2008 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Discuss and vote to approve Financial Software package**

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of a potential new financial software package. It was decided to stay with the current vendor and go with “Phoenix Sequel”. Members of the Board of Selectmen asked questions of Mr. Waterman regarding the software package.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the purchase and installation of the financial software package as presented and authorize the first selectman to sign the contract. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**New Fairfield Co. Subdivision Reimbursement**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a subdivision issue at McBean Drive where residents were required to pay \$200 to have the subdivision issue resolved. Since this issue happened during the tenure when Selectman Katkocin was first selectman; Mr. Hodge asked Selectman Peggy Katkocin to look into this matter and report back at the next meeting.

**Addition to the Agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to add item #11A “Transfers” to the agenda. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Transfers**

John Hodge made motion to recommend to a Town Meeting an additional appropriation for the following accounts. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

\$'s	Account #	Transfer to	\$'s	Account #	Transfer from
37,538.00	4310-452	Public Works Town Aid	37,538.00	3300-001	Town Aid Revenue
29907.00	4310-610-2	Public Works Hwy & Streets	37,907.00	3300-020	FEMA Revenue
8,000	4310-130	Public Works Overtime			
<b>75,445.00</b>			<b>75,445.00</b>		

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

**Discussion of possible uses for 2006-2007 budget surplus**

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of the budget surplus for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Expenditures for the year are approximately \$420,000 under budget and revenue excess for the fiscal year is approximately \$620,000 for a total of over \$1 million. Mr. Waterman noted that these numbers are unaudited at this time. A discussion ensued among the selectmen as to what to do with the budget surplus. Ideas for the surplus include tax relief, building reserve repair fund or road repair. This will be put on the agenda for the next BOS meeting of October 11<sup>th</sup>. First Selectman Hodge thanked Finance Director Jay Waterman and the entire Finance Department for all their hard work. Mr. Hodge also thanked all the department heads.

### **Public Comment**

Resident Miles St. Jacques spoke of nova-chipping of the roads.

Resident Marty Andrews asked if the details of the budget surplus could be published in the Citizen News. Mr. Andrews also asked about zoning and the library and Town Hall.

Resident Greg Moore asked about Freedom of Information.

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

First Selectman Hodge asked that a discussion of the budget surplus be added to the October 11<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Discussion of a traffic light at the entrance to New Fairfield High School will also be on the next agenda.

### **Executive Session**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to go into executive session at 8:59pm to discuss pending litigation and another litigation matter. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:17pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an agreement between Pine Crest Estates and the Town of New Fairfield. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to accept the settlement for the McGurk et. al vs. the Town of New Fairfield lawsuit as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

### **Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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