

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 11, 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  
Tom Quigley, WPCA 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 the Gillotti Road project regarding the “rights of way” that was completed thirteen years ago. There has been a third and final audit by the state DOT and they are claiming that the Town is responsible for a percentage of charges that were never paid. First Selectman Hodge asked for a notice showing this liability.

First Selectman Hodge read a letter from Town Counsel John F. Keating stating that Mr. Keating is representing the town on the FOIC case on a pro-bono basis.

First Selectman Hodge read a letter that he sent to BOF member Lucy DiRocco regarding keeping order at BOF meetings.

**Public Comment**

Resident Tom Corbett spoke of the new three minute rule for public comment recently instated by the Board of Selectmen and also the million dollar budget surplus.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

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

### **Water Pollution Control Authority update**

Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman Tom Quigley announced that there will be a water testing day on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12noon at Shaw's. The cost for residents to test their water is \$40. Mr. Quigley also announced that there are currently two spots open for alternates on the WPCA.

Mr. Quigley spoke of the areas in town that use the town water system. This water system has been tested periodically. Mr. Quigley further spoke of repairs that were necessary for the town water system that were paid for out of the WPCA reserve fund. Mr. Quigley asked the BOS for a transfer to cover this repair.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Quigley for all his hard work with the WPCA.

### **Storage of voting machines**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign the Certificate of Reimbursement for the storage of the voting machines. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Appointments**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to appoint Joyce Sternberg as a regular member of the Youth Commission. John Hodge 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)**

### **Update on New Fairfield Co. issue**

Selectman Peggy Katkocin spoke about the MacBean subdivision in which some residents paid approximately \$200 each to have a survey done in order to make the subdivision legal. Many of these residents are now asking for the money paid to be reimbursed. A discussion ensued regarding how this situation could be handled. It was decided that First Selectman Hodge will send a letter to the residents asking them to send a letter to their Title Insurance Companies for reimbursement. If the insurance company does not pay then the town will consider reimbursement from town funds.

### **Traffic study at the entrance to New Fairfield High School**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to authorize the first selectman to approach HVCEO regarding a traffic study at the entrance of New Fairfield High School. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

### **Discussion of Freedom of Information Matter**

A lengthy discussion ensued among the BOS regarding Freedom of Information requests and responses to it at the Selectman's office. Selectman Ron Oliveri read proposed FOI policies and procedures. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not it was necessary to appeal the recent FOI complaint.

**Transfers**

John Hodge made a motion to make an Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$24,015.33 from the following accounts. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

\$'s	Transfer to Account #		\$'s	Transfer from Account #	
24,015.33	4900-304	Fire Reserve	246.36	4220-110	Salaries
			146.00	4220-290	Physicals
			4,599.96	4220-338	Ambulance-Para-EMT
			410.55	4220-430	Building Supplies/Repairs
			1,616.32	4220-430-1	Fire Co.'s Maint. & Repairs
			9,294.22	4220-610	Dept. materials/supplies
			4,053.25	4220-610-1	Fire Co.'s-supplies/equip
			30.58	4220-610-5	Portable equip.
			2,406.52	4220-620-2	Squantz utilities
			1,211.57	4220-740-2	Dry Hydrants
<b>24,015.33</b>			<b>24,015.33</b>		

**Discussion of budget surplus**

A discussion ensued as to ways to best use the approximately \$1 million budget surplus for the year. Suggestions included Capital and Nonrecurring reserve fund, Elderly tax relief, giving back money that was cut from the BOE budget, road repair, concession stand and restrooms for Rebel Field and overall tax relief. This item will be put on the next BOS agenda for future consideration.

**Grant for Historic Properties Survey**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a \$30,000 grant application for the Historic Properties survey grant. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Public Comment**

Tom Quigley spoke of the new three minute rule enacted by the BOS for public comment and also the FOI policy. Mr. Quigley also asked the BOS to consider capital repairs and road repairs with the budget surplus.

Marty Andrews spoke of the water system in town.

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

The Selectman decided that they will bring a prioritized list of ideas for the budget surplus for discussion at the next BOS meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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