

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, October 25, 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

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a prioritized list of possible uses for the over \$1 million of budget surplus. Mr. Hodge gave his fellow selectmen a list and will put this on the agenda for the next Board of Selectman meeting of November 8th. This will ultimately go to the Board of Finance

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the traffic light at the entrance to the High School. Mr. Hodge announced that HVCEO has agreed to hire a consultant and investigate the need for a traffic light.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of a Zoning Board hearing on November 1st to draft new zoning ordinances. Mr. Hodge encouraged residents to attend.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the Dedication of “Veterans Way” and thanked the veterans, the High School Marching Band, State Representative Mary Ann Carson, Ray Juskiewicz and the Community Service Club. Mr. Hodge further thanked Connie LaBarbera and Diana Peck for their help with organizing the reception.

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of the Historic Houses and “Preserve New Fairfield Inc.” Mr. Oliveri had noted at the debate of October 24th that “Preserve New Fairfield, Inc.” had contributed \$50,000 to the preservation of the Historic Houses. Mr. Oliveri corrected himself and noted that the contribution was actually \$25,000.

Selectman Peggy Katkocin spoke of a flu shot clinic that will be held in New Milford on Saturday, November 10th from 9am to 12pm. This clinic will be set up in the same way that a mass distribution for an emergency would be set up.

Selectman Peggy Katkocin spoke of comments at the debate between the candidates for first selectman that was held on October 24th.

Public Comment

Jody Gemmell spoke of an FOI complaint.

Greg Moore spoke of the new three minute rule for public comment enacted by the Board of Selectmen.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2007 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Change to Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to change item #5 on the agenda to read "Discussion of FAA Issues and to change item #6 on the agenda to read "Discuss and possibly vote on NFHS Gym emergency tie-in consultant and Company A transfer switch". Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of FFA Issues

First Selectman John Hodge announced that the FAA has approved a new flight plan in which more flights will be coming into the area and could potentially cause more noise in New Fairfield. Mr. Hodge noted that many towns in Fairfield County have banded together and have hired a firm to potentially file suit against the FAA. This suit would ask the FAA to reopen their decision regarding the flight plans. First Selectman Hodge announced that he contacted Danbury's Mayor Boughton regarding this suit. More information regarding this issue will be at future meetings. Resident Marty Andrews suggested that First Selectman Hodge consult with the many active and retired pilots in New Fairfield.

NFHS Gym Emergency Tie-In Consultant and Company A Transfer switch

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve a transfer \$7500 from the Building Repair Fund for the purpose of retaining Kohler Roman to do electronic engineering designs for an emergency generator at the High School and a transfer switch at Company A Firehouse. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report- None

Legal Update- None

Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer from the following accounts. Ron Oliver seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$5,000.00	4161-332-2	Legal Taxation	\$5,000	4161-332-1	Legal-Land Use	For Candlewood Isle revaluation issues

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Website Update

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the Town website that will be up and running soon. Through this website, a large portion of the town’s functions will be available online. Forms, minutes, agendas, calendars as well as other town information will be available through this website. Mr. Hodge showed a brief video showing what will be available on the website.

Mr. Hodge thanked Margaret Golden, Patty Mota and Kerrie Greening for all their hard work in setting up this website.

Vote to set Town Meeting Date

John Hodge made a motion to accept the warning for the Town Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00pm in the High School library. (Mr. Hodge read into record the warning of the Town Meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public comment

Greg Moore spoke of FOI requests.

Marty Andrews spoke of the Historic Houses

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas

Discussion of budget surplus priorities will be on the agenda for the meeting on November 8th.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Peggy Katkocin seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)