

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, November 29, 2007
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman

Members absent:

Tom Corbett, 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 Hodge announced that the town received a "Notice of Closure" on a "Notice of Violation" dated November 27, 2007. This notice was from the DEP regarding the oil spill at the Police Station, the underground fueling station at the Police Station and the diesel storage tank for a backup generator. Final documentation has been accepted on behalf of the diesel storage tank.

John Hodge announced that the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism is featuring in their brochures the historic fund grant that was given to the Town of New Fairfield for the historic properties.

John Hodge announced that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is in need of a new member due to the resignation of Maureen Dangelo. First Selectman Hodge thanked Maureen Dangelo for all her years of service with the Ball Pond Advisory Committee.

John Hodge announced that First Light Power has sent a letter to remind the town that the water level for Candlewood Lake will be lowered by approximately five feet.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 regular meeting and the November 14, 2007 special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation by Historic Properties Commission

Faline Schneiderman Fox announced that the Historic Properties Committee has received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 for a CLG Historic Resources Inventory Grant. This grant needs to be accepted at a Town Meeting. First Selectman Hodge and Selectman Oliveri thanked the Ms. Schneiderman Fox and the entire Historic Properties Committee for all their hard work in obtaining this grant.

HRRRA presentation end of year audit

Mike Gil spoke of the year end audit for the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA). Mr. Gil announced that \$7,000 has been budgeted for Household Hazardous Waste Day. There was a discussion of water bottles and recycling programs. First Selectman Hodge and Selectman Oliveri thanked Mike Gil and Cheryl Reedy for their hard work with this program.

Vote to set Town Meeting date

Parks and Rec Director Steve Merullo spoke of a grant for a playground at Memorial Field. The proposed playground will cost \$21,235. A matching grant was received in the amount of \$10,617.50. The rest of the cost of this playground will come from the Field and Facilities Fund in the amount of \$12,210.28. This grant needs to be accepted at a Town Meeting. First Selectman Hodge thanked Camillo Santomero for removing several trees from the old parsonage property at his expense. First Selectman Hodge also thanked Steve Merullo and the Parks and Rec Commission for their hard work.

John Hodge made a motion to set December 13, 2007 at 7:00pm for a Town Meeting to accept a CLG Historic Resources Inventory Grant and to accept a Better Fitness through Play Grant Initiative for use on Memorial Field. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Update on Town Water System

First Selectman Hodge gave an update on the Town Water System. According to DEP, the contamination most likely was caused by a dry cleaner in town between 1972 and 1986. Mr. Hodge spoke of a proposed consent order between the Town of New Fairfield and the DEP where the DEP will pay for the construction of a municipal water system. If for any reason the funding from DEP stops, New Fairfield will be free from the consent order.

Mr. Hodge spoke of the advantages of having one water system instead of multiple systems. Mr. Hodge noted that all properties on the town water system are continually tested and residents should continue to support local businesses in town. If any residents have any questions they can call the Selectman's office at 312-5600.

Board of Selectman's calendar for 2008

Ron Oliveri made a motion to accept the calendar of meeting dates for the Board of Selectman as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

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>
\$25,000.00	4310-451	Road Repair	\$29,907.00	4310-610-2	PW-Hwys & Streets-mat/supp.	reclassification
\$4907.00	4310-130	PW-Overtime				
\$29,907.00			\$29,907.00			

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to make an Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting not required) from the following accounts. Ron Oliveri 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>
\$2,000	301-4197-002	Fees in Lieu of Open Space	\$2,000	301-2530-001	Fees in Lieu of Open Space-Unappropriated Fund Balance	Conservation Services
\$2,000			\$2,000			

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve an expenditure from the Town Properties Capital Fund in the amount of \$6500 for repairs to the Company A Firehouse including the flat roof and materials and supplies associated with. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge announced that he received a letter of resignation from Theresa Finnemengo from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Hodge thanked Theresa for all her work with the commission.

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Fred Tester as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge announced that he received a letter of resignation from Bob Jano from the Northwest Public Safety Committee. Mr. Hodge thanked Mr. Jano for his twenty years of service on this commission.

John Hodge made a motion to appoint William Halstead as a representative to Northwest Public Safety Committee for the town of New Fairfield. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Cynthia White as the Municipal Agent to the town of New Fairfield. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to appoint John Hodge, Ron Oliveri and Tom Corbett as the legal traffic authority for the town of New Fairfield. Such term runs with the office of the selectman. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public comment

Tom Quigley asked about funds for the consent order for the water system.

Faline Schneiderman Fox announced that the Historic Properties Commission is in need of a new member. Anyone interested can call the Selectman's office at 312-5600.

Faline Schneiderman Fox also spoke of the proposed new zoning regulations for New Fairfield. Ms. Schneiderman Fox noted that there will be a joint workshop with the Planning Commission sometime in January 2008 where a timeline for the regulations will be reviewed. Anyone interested in reading the proposed new regulations can go online to newfairfieldlibrary.org

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas- None

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)