

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, December 27, 2007
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Tom Corbett, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Bill Halstead, Director of Emergency Management

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of a potential grant in the amount of \$650,000. This grant is from a settlement from GE for the pollution of the Housatonic River. Connecticut's share in this settlement is approximately \$9 million. New Fairfield is hoping to receive \$650,000 of this settlement. Such grant would be used to build walkways and pathways along Dunham Pond. The town received notification that it is on the "short-list" of potential beneficiaries of this grant. Selectman Oliveri thanked Tim Simpkins, Tom Quigley and Bobby Rzasa for all their work with this project.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the Shoreline Management Plan. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) adopted the Shoreline Management Plan as proposed by First Light in July of this year. New Fairfield and other municipalities filed for a rehearing. Since then, FERC has withdrawn the order and is opening up a comment period. Comments must be submitted by January 17, 2008 and included in a legal record. Information about filing comments can be found at the Selectman's office at 312-5600 or FERConlinesupport@FERC.gov. Anyone interested in calling FERC directly can call at 1-866-208-3676 and mention project number 2576-083

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the grand list for this year and explained that adjustments are made on a yearly basis and the growth in the grand list has not been netted out yet. Thus, the decrease in the amount of the grand list is misleading and it is just normal adjustments.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the Drive-In Movies at Squantz Pond held this summer. The movies were sponsored in part by the New Fairfield Community Foundation. Mr. Hodge noted that The New Fairfield Community Foundation has forwarded their portion of the donation to the town which will offset the equipment bought. The New Fairfield Community Foundation's portion is in

the amount of \$21,500. First Selectman Hodge thanked Dana Wells and the entire New Fairfield Community Foundation.

Public Comment- None

Addition to agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add item #3A (approval of minutes of December 14th) to the agenda. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2007 meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to adopt an ordinance regarding declaration of Local Disaster Emergency

Dispatch Supervisor and Director of Emergency Management Bill Halstead spoke of an ordinance describing the responsibilities and powers of the first selectman in case of an emergency.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to have the first selectman contact the town attorney for the purpose of his review of the proposed ordinance providing for declaration of emergencies which will authorize the first selectman to order measures in response to emergencies. Such ordinance to return to the Board of Selectman for review and a final review at a Town Meeting. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to approve New Fairfield website policy

John Hodge spoke of policies for the Town of New Fairfield website. It is hopeful that the website can be launched at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on January 10th. First Selectman Hodge thanked Kerry Greening, Margaret Golden, Patty Mota and Rich Jackson for all their hard work with the website.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the draft for policies for boards and commissions for the town website. (Such document entitled "Town of New Fairfield Website Committee- Policies for Boards and Commissions" draft dated December 21, 2007 to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to approve nondiscrimination certification for grant contract for Connecticut Commission Culture & Tourism

John Hodge made a motion to approve the nondiscrimination certification for grant contract for Connecticut Commission Culture & Tourism as described in Connecticut General State Statutes. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer from the following accounts. Tom Corbett 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>
\$8,000.00	4215-130	Communications Overtime	\$8,000.00	4215-130	Communications P/T Salaries	Two new Part-timers
\$8,000			\$8,000.00			

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Transfer from Building Repair Reserve Fund

John Hodge made a motion to appropriate \$2,000 from the Building Repair Reserve fund for the purpose of fixing the alarm system at Company A Firehouse. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the “Personnel Report” as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued among the selectmen regarding the increase in secretaries’ salaries for the boards and commissions and the need to review the duties and responsibilities of the board secretaries in the context of the budget review.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to amend the “Personnel Report” with the deletion of item #4. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote to amend motion: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on original motion as amended: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment - None

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

John Hodge announced that budget workshops are starting soon.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)