

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2008
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Faline Schneiderman-Fox, Zoning Commission Chairman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcement

First Selectman John Hodge announced that there will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 7:00pm at the High School library to discuss the Senior Center project and to also discuss the Town of New Fairfield going back into the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Hodge encouraged residents to attend.

First Selectman John Hodge announced that there will be an Informational Meeting regarding the "Boat Sticker Program" on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the High School cafeteria at 12:00 noon. There will also be a Public Hearing in Hartford with the environmental committee in the near future. There will also be another Informational Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the John Pettibone School in New Milford at 7:00pm.

First Selectman Hodge read a letter into the record from the Volunteer Fire Department explaining the LOSIP program.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation by New Fairfield Youth Commission- New Fairfield Going Green Program

The New Fairfield Youth Commission along with Cheryl Reedy from the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA) gave a presentation regarding a project called “New Fairfield Going Green”. The purpose of this presentation was to explain the consequences of global warming and what can be done by individual residents to improve the environment by recycling. Residents of New Fairfield were asked to complete a pledge committing to three improvements that will help the environment. The goal of the Youth Commission is to have 250 pledges by the end of May. The three selectmen were the first to sign the pledges. A tracking and map of pledges is available on the website. Anyone looking for more information or to sign the pledge online can go to www.nfgoinggreen.com Pledges can also be downloaded and dropped off at Town Hall

Presentation of lifetime plaque for Youth Commission

Youth Commission Chair Reggie Lambrech and the entire Youth Commission presented Selectman Ron Oliveri with a plaque from the Youth Commission thanking him for all his years of service and dedication to the Youth Commission. This plaque gives Selectman Oliveri a lifetime membership to the Youth Commission.

Addition to agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to agenda item 5A “Discussion of Proposed Zoning Regulations”. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Proposed Zoning Regulations

Zoning Commission Chairman Faline Schneiderman-Fox spoke of the proposed Zoning Regulations for the Town of New Fairfield. Zoning regulations in lake front communities were also discussed. Public Hearings will be held in the near future and the public is encouraged to attend.

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint John Falkowski from Green Funeral Home as the sub registrar of vital statics. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Ellen Fecci from an alternate member of the Historic Properties Commission to a full member of the Historic Properties Commission. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following transfer. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.
 (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$40,000	4310-610-3	Snow Materials and Supplies	\$8,750.00	4164-431-05	Police-Equipment-Business Machines.	Potential funding needed based on information from Public Works Director
			\$7,000.00	4550-343	Library-automation	
			10,000.00	4164-431-06	Technology-Business Machines	
			6,250.00	4164-615	Postage	
			5,000.00	4160-260	Workers Comp	
			3,000.00	4160-220	Social Security	
\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00			

John Hodge made a motion to make the following transfer. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.
 (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$5,000.00	4310-130	Overtime-Public Works	\$10,000.00	4310-110	Salaries- Public Works	Potential funding needed based on information from Public Works
\$5,000.00	4310-610-3	Snow Materials and supplies-PW				
\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00			

Budget Transfers (con't)

John Hodge made a motion to make the following additional appropriation. (Town Meeting NOT required). Tom Corbett seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>		<u>Reason</u>
\$5,000	4450-810	Senior Center Program Expense	\$5,000	3400-012	Senior Center Revenue	Increase Senior Center Programs revenue and expensed to account for additional programs for the second half of fiscal year.
\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00			

Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign non-discrimination certificate for DECD Small Cites Rehabilitation Grant.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Affirmative Action Policy Statement and the Title XI Policy Statement in regard to the Small Cities DECD Grant. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the ADA Grievance Procedure and to designate an ADA Compliance Coordinator in regard to the DECD Small Cities Grant. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the ADA notice in regard to the DECD Small Cities Grant. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of STEAP Grant requests

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of applications for the STEAP Grants. Projects mentioned in the STEAP Grant applications were walkways and trails around center of town, waterlines from center of town to Consolidated and Meeting House Hill schools and an emergency communications radio system in New Fairfield. First Selectman Hodge noted that there is a potential for some federal grants as well.

Public Comment- None

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

Selectman Ron Oliveri thanked the Youth Commission for their recognition and the plaque that they gave him.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)