

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**  
**High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Bill McCann, New Fairfield Land Trust  
Larry Marsicano, Candlewood Lake Authority  
Jeff Main, New Fairfield Land Trust  
Cynthia Stevens, Ball Pond Advisory Commission 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 possibility of a new post office in New Fairfield. There will be a public hearing regarding the post office on Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 7:30pm in the New Fairfield High School library. Mr. Hodge thanked residents Ward Moss and Vin Madison for all their work and for taking the initiative with this project.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the "Drive-In" movie series at Squantz Pond. The movies will be rain or shine. If raining the movie will be held at the High School Auditorium. Mr. Hodge asked residents to refer to the Citizen News for a schedule.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that there are new policies at Squantz Pond for the summer. Mr. Hodge thanked Ranger Chris Keenan for all his work at Squantz Pond and noted that the park has never looked better.

**Public Comment**

Rudy Bahrens spoke of the construction project regarding the Senior Center.

Selectman Ron Oliveri also spoke of the construction project regarding the Senior Center and the architect involved in the project.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008 regular meeting and the June 20, 2008 special meeting as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Candlewood Lake Authority request**

Candlewood Lake Authority Director Mr. Larry Marsicano spoke of an Environmental Review Team for Candlewood Lake. The Environmental Review Team would conduct a study and come up with recommendations that would benefit the lake. There is no charge for this review.

Members of the Board of Selectmen asked questions of Mr. Marsicano. Residents Cynthia Stevens and Jim McAllister spoke in support of the study.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to send a letter to the Connecticut Environmental Review Team endorsing the Candlewood Lake Authority request to commence with the study. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Presentation by New Fairfield Land Trust**

Bill McCann and Jeff Main from the New Fairfield Land Trust spoke of the protection of natural resources and the protection of open spaces in New Fairfield. There was a discussion about purchasing 15 acres of property on Beaver Bog Road which will be funded through the Open Space Acquisition Fund.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to offer an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a parcel located at 32 Beaver Bog Road to be financed from the fee of open space fund. Such offer shall be contingent upon 824 referral from the Planning Commission, Town Meeting approval, environmental phase 1 study and town counsel approval. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Update of Fire Department Radio System**

John Hodge gave an update on the fire department radio system. This will be on the agenda for the second meeting in July.

### **Discussion of Expenditures and Revenue Shortfalls & Excesses for 2007/2008**

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of expenditures and revenue shortfalls for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Such topics for the shortfalls and excesses include the communications center and mileage for state troopers. There was a discussion of accounts that were frozen.

### **Addition to Agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to add item #8A "Discussion of the Senior Center" to the agenda. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Discussion of Senior Center**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the status of the architect for the Senior Center. A progress payment of \$1,000 was given Mr. Aldridge of Aldridge and Burns on the condition that he sign a waiver noting that the contract has not been followed. There was a discussion of the contract and missing items that were promised but not delivered in a timely fashion from the architect.

### **Budget Transfers**

John Hodge made a motion for the Board of Selectman to authorize a transfer from the Building Repair Reserve fund in the amount of \$16,300 for the high school P.O.D Generator tie in line. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

### **Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Selectman Ron Oliveri as an alternate to the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA). Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

### **Personnel Report**

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectman approve the hiring of applicant #1 on the Personnel Report subject to the completion of a successful background check. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to accept the personnel report dated June 26, 2008 with the exception of applicant #1. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Legal Representation**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign retainer agreements with Town Counsel John F. Keating and Labor Counsel Catherine Thompson (Sullivan, Schoen, Campana and Connon.) Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Public Comment**

None

### **General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agendas**

There was a discussion about possibly having a meeting regarding the Senior Center next week.

### **Adjournment**

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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