

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, July 24, 2008
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed McCue, Fire Department
Mike Gil, Fire Department
Cheryl Reedy, Fire Department

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 has started nova chipping approximately 7 miles of road. The cost has gone up significantly due to the increase in utility costs. It was decided that the town will do the roads in asphalt and will “piggy back” with the Danbury bid since they have already locked into a price.

First Selectman Hodge noted that he met with Finance Director Jay Waterman and announced that there is a surplus from the 2007-2008 budget of approximately \$300,000. Mr. Hodge noted that there will be a “freeze” of certain accounts for the fiscal year 2008-2009 until they can get a clearer picture of expenses and revenues for the year. The members of the BOS thanked all the department heads for prudent management of their budgets.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2008 regular meeting and the July 18, 2008 special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Change in agenda

John Hodge made a motion to move agenda item #6 (Discuss and possibly vote on Emergency Radio Coverage) to item #4A. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Emergency Radio Coverage

First Selectman John Hodge gave a presentation regarding the current emergency radio coverage for the Police Department, Fire Department and ambulances in town. Mr. Hodge showed a map of areas in town that do not have coverage. Mr. Hodge played a DVD to show examples of the current radio communications. There was a discussion of the cost estimates for this project.

First Selectman Hodge noted that he would like to plan a Public Hearing with the consultant for Thursday, August 14th and to invite the members of the Board of Finance to the Public Hearing.

Members of the New Fairfield Fire Department including Fire Chief Ed McCue thanked the Board of Selectman for their support and explained the need for the emergency radio coverage. All members of the Board of Selectman thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and ambulance responders for all their work for the town.

Senior Center Update

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of a meeting held by the Permanent Building Committee on Wednesday, July 23rd. Mr. Oliveri noted that drawings were due by the Senior Center Architect Bob Aldridge on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. To date, no drawings have been received. There was a discussion of the actions of the architect and the role of the PBC. First Selectman Hodge went over the timeline for the architect.

It was decided that a special meeting of the BOS will be held on Friday, July 25th at 6:00 in the High School Library if no drawings were received by Friday.

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Resident Cheryl Reedy spoke of the architect for the Senior Center and suggested that the BOS do whatever is necessary to get the Senior Center completed.

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

There will be a public hearing of the BOS on Thursday, August 14th regarding the Emergency Radio Communications System.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)