

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

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

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Bob Rawlings, PBC Chairman
Bob Matarazzo, PBC Member

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 announced that there will be a ceremony honoring Dr. Jefferson Wiggins on Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 2:00pm at the New Fairfield library.

First Selectman Hodge announced that the selectman signed a proclamation to declare Friday, February 1, 2008 as “Wear Red for Day for Women” to raise awareness for Heart Disease.

John Hodge announced that New Fairfield Zoning Regulations are being reformed. There is a meeting on Thursday, January 24th in the High School Cafeteria and also a joint workshop between the Zoning Commission and the Planning Commission on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 9am in the Senior Center. There is also information about the zoning regulations on the town website at www.newfairfield.org

First Selectman Hodge acknowledged that Mr. Camillo Santomero has waived the association fees for the Senior Center in the amount of \$19,182.28. Mr. Hodge thanked Mr. Santomero for this donation.

Ron Oliveri spoke of the proposed trail near Margerie Reservoir. Selectman Oliveri noted that the trail will not go “around” Margerie Reservoir but instead start at the southern part of Margerie Reservoir and proceed northward on Route 37 and end either behind the Annex Building or the Post Office in New Fairfield. Anyone with any questions can call Selectman Oliveri at the First Selectman’s office at 312-5600 and leave a message.

Selectman Tom Corbett spoke of the ceremony honoring Dr. Jefferson Wiggins and encouraged residents to attend.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2008 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to amend the previous motion to change the minutes to read “First Selectman Hodge spoke of an article in the Citizen News regarding certain turf fields and staph infections. Mr. Hodge noted that the town has already looked into this issue, protocols have been set and he stressed that the turf field in New Fairfield poses no danger” under Correspondence and Announcements. The minutes originally read “First Selectman Hodge spoke of an article in the Citizen News regarding certain turf fields and staph infections. Mr. Hodge noted that the town has already looked into this issue and he stressed that the turf field in New Fairfield is in no danger. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

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

Update on Senior Center

Permanent Building Committee Chairman Bob Rawlings gave a presentation regarding the new Senior Center. Mr. Rawlings showed drawings of the proposed Senior Center and announced that both the Zoning Commission and the Inlands/Wetlands Commission have approved the plans. The timeline for the Senior Center was discussed.

First Selectman Hodge noted that there were some erroneous comments regarding the Senior Center in the Citizen News and encouraged residents to call his office with any questions.

Selectman Oliveri thanked First Selectman Hodge and the entire Permanent Building Committee for all their work with the Senior Center.

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> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| \$3,500.00 | 4210-291 | Police Uniforms | \$3,500.00 | 4210-322 | Police-Education and Training. | Cost of uniform for new officer |
| \$700.00 | 4160-290 | Employee Physicals | \$700.00 | 4160-580 | Mileage Reimbursement | Cost of physical for new officer |
| \$4200.00 | | | \$4200.00 | | | |

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the expenditure from the Town Properties Building Repair Reserve Fund in the amount of \$7650.49 for installation of a day tank and supply piping at Company A Firehouse. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the personnel report dated January 24, 2008 as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman sign an application for Robert Natale to take classes and be appointed as a deputy fire marshal for the Town of New Fairfield. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Mary Aragonese to a regular position to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. 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

Selectman Tom Corbett suggested that the selectmen check to see if there are any boards that are in need of volunteers and announce it at the next BOS meeting.

Adjournment

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)