

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 27, 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  
Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA  
Ed McCue, Fire Chief  
Various members of the Fire Department

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Presentation Poster Contest Winners**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a poster contest sponsored by HRRRA and Union Savings Bank. Cheryl Reedy from HRRRA and Marlene Lamendola (Union Savings Bank) gave awards and piggy banks to all the winners from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cheryl Reedy thanked Barbara Stroh from the Parks and Recreation Department and everyone at Union Savings Bank.

**Presentation CCM Recognitions**

First Selectman John Hodge presented awards on behalf of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities to municipal employees who have served their town for 25 years or more. Police Officer Kevin Casey, Librarian Linda Fox and Former Town Clerk and BOS Assistant Diana Peck all received this award. First Selectman Hodge thanked these employees on behalf of the entire Board of Selectmen and the town.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

**Purchase of Fire Trucks**

Fire Chief Ed McCue spoke of the replacement fire apparatus that the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department has researched and wishes to purchase.

Ron Oliveri made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to approve the purchase of fire equipment #13, #6 and #5 as outlined by the Fire Chief subject to Town Counsel approval. The cost of this equipment is \$1,274,532.00 which comes in under budget by approximately \$400. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

**Reimbursement for \$200 required survey**

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) This transfer is to reimburse residents for surveys done to their properties if their title insurance company does reimburse them.

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

\$'s	Account #		\$'s	Account #	
\$2,000.00	4161-334	Consulting	\$2,000.00	4151-801	BOF Contingency
<b>\$2,000.00</b>			<b>\$2,000.00</b>		

**Budget Transfers**

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

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

\$'s	Account #		\$'s	Account #	
\$500.00	4151-110	BOF Salaries	\$500.00	4151-332	BOF General Counsel
<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to approve the amount of \$10,000 for repairs to the Beach septic and \$3,500 to replace the motor for the gate at the marina from the town’s building repair reserve. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document entitled “Town Properties- Capital Budget for the year ending 2007/2008.)

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

John Hodge made a motion to transfer back into the “Building Repair Reserve” \$250.80 from the Company “A” refurbishment, \$2,006.84 from the Annex roof and gutters project, \$920.00 from the Company “A” alarm system and \$599.09 from the library carpets and floors. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document entitled “Town Properties- Capital Budget for the year ending 2007/2008.)

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

**Addition to Agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #9A “Discussion of 2008/2009 Budget. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Discussion of 2008-2009 BOS Budget**

A lengthy discussion ensued among the members of the Board of Selectman in response to the Board of Finance decision of March 26<sup>th</sup> asking the BOS to come back to the BOF on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with proposed cuts of \$500,000. First Selectman Hodge spoke of specific cuts to the budget and the impact on the town. Some of these cuts are from the medical fund, some from the capital and nonrecurring fund and some from the operating budget. There was a discussion about using the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund to offset the Capital and Nonrecurring items in the budget. The BOF has thus far decided that they didn't want to use the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund.

There was also a discussion regarding having a vote of the concession stand and bathrooms at the turf field as a separate referendum item and let the people decide.

**Public Comment-** None

**General Discussion: Items to be brought up by Selectmen for future agendas-** None

### **Executive Session**

John Hodge made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:26pm for the purpose of discussing the sale of the Town Cell tower and to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Hodge further moved to invite the representatives from Unison to join the executive session regarding the cell tower. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:45pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Discussion of Cell Tower**

Tom Corbett made a motion to table the decision regarding the cell tower to the next BOS meeting. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Discuss and possibly vote on employee termination**

John Hodge made a motion that absent a "last chance letter" which is acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, the BOS as the town's hiring authority will terminate the employee effective close of business on March 28, 2008. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

### **Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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