

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**  
**High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Various members of the library board  
Ray Lubus, Parks and Recreation Chairman

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Proclamation- Pop Warner National Champion-New Fairfield Junior Pee Wee Cheerleaders**

First Selectman John Hodge announced that the Pop Warner cheerleaders came back from Disney World as National Champions. There will be a ceremony on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and a proclamation will be given. Mr. Hodge congratulated the cheerleaders on behalf of the town.

**Correspondence and Announcements**

John Hodge announced that he received a resignation letter from Robert Murtha as an alternate to the Planning Commission. Mr. Hodge noted that additional members are needed for the Planning Commission and anyone interested should contact the Selectman's office.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of a table top drill that was conducted in case there is a pandemic in town. Mr. Hodge encouraged residents to put together an "emergency supply kit" in the event of a local disaster.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2008 regular meeting and April 1<sup>st</sup> special meeting presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion of sale of cell tower**

Ron Graiff spoke of the proposed sale of the cell tower and gave his opinion of the offer made to the town. Mr. Graiff spoke of a possible second tower for the town. All three selectmen thanked Mr. Graiff for his hard work with bringing the cell tower to New Fairfield and all the work done for it.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to contact Unison to inform them that the Board of Selectman has decided not to sell the cell tower at this time. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

**Additional Appropriation for the public library**

Library Board Chairman Sarah Marsh spoke of the need for a feasibility/conceptual design plan for the public library. Mrs. Marsh noted that the cost for this design plan is \$25,000. The library board is willing to pay half of the amount if the town is willing to pay the other half. A presentation was given and a picture of the renovations was shown. There was a discussion of possible grants for the project.

John Hodge made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$12,500 from Capital and Nonrecurring Fund for the purpose of obtaining feasibility conceptual design plans, such plans to present costs for the current conceptual plans as well as costs of just updating and renovating for ADA compliant. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion of petition regarding bathrooms at the turf field**

John Hodge made a motion to add item #7A “Discussion of petition regarding bathrooms/concession stand at Rebel Turf field and presentation by the Parks and Recreation Chairman” to the agenda. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge noted that the Board of Selectman had requested that the Board of Finance endorse the idea of submitting a project for the bathrooms and concession stand at Rebel Field as a separate item on the budget referendum. The Board of Finance has decided not to endorse this idea. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, a petition was submitted to the Selectman’s office requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$210,000 for the purpose of constructing bathrooms and concession facility at Rebel Field. Mr. Hodge noted that this petition was forwarded to the Town Attorney. Mr. Hodge noted that he spoke with the Town Attorney and believes it’s a legal petition. Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Ray Lubus spoke of the project. There was a discussion of a timeline in order to get this question on the budget referendum.

**Budget Transfers**

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)

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

\$'s	Account #		\$'s	Account #	
\$1,000.00	4195-622	Utilities- Street Lights	\$1,000.00	4160-260	Workers Compensation
\$15,000.00	4195-620-5	Utilities-TP Fuel Oil	\$ 2,000.00 \$13,000.00	4151-801 4160-260	BOF Contingency Workers Compensation
\$24,000.00	4195-626	Utilities-Gas & Diesel	\$24,000.00	4151-801	BOF Contingency
<b>\$40,000.00</b>			<b>\$40,000.00</b>		

### **Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Jennifer Licht, Gerard Schwalbe, Tom Quigley and Mary Aragonés to the Inland/Wetlands Commission. John Hodge further moved to appoint Eberhard Lobeck as an alternate to the Permanent Building Committee. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Brewster Kemple to the Candlewood Lake Authority. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Personnel Report**

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Discuss and possibly vote to set a Town Meeting Date for the Annual Town Meeting and to accept Madeline Drive as a town road and Pinecrest Lane as a town road subject to receiving an acceptable deed**

John Hodge noted that this item will be tabled until the budget can be published in the newspaper.

**Public Comment-** None

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

Selectman Tom Corbett asked about the “Emergency Preparedness” ordinance. This is still being reviewed by Town Counsel.

John Hodge announced that the BOF has endorsed a tax increase of 3.41%. Selectman Ron Oliveri thanked the Board of Education, Board of Finance, the Finance Department and everyone involved in the budget process for all the hard work in putting the budget together.

### **Adjournment**

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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