

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 8, 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  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Ed McCue, Fire Chief  
Sarah Marsh, Library Board Chairman  
Linda Fox, Library Director  
Sharon Holm, Library Board  
Steve Merullo, Parks and Recreation Director  
Ray Lubus, Parks and Recreation 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 reminded residents that the budget vote will be held this Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 8pm at Meeting House Hill School.

Mr. Hodge announced that Candlewood Lake is up for sale again. Mr. Hodge spoke also about the Shoreline Management Plan.

Mr. Hodge spoke of a potential HART Commuter Bus service from New Fairfield to Southeast Train Station. Funding for this project will come from the NYDOT and CTDOT. A parking lot is needed for this service and it is estimated that about forty parking spots will be needed. The upper parking lot at Memorial Field is a possibility for the parking lot. Mr. Hodge noted that he has met with Metro-North and MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) and they may be willing to fund the parking lot expenses.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

**Presentation of Library plans**

Library Board Chairman Sarah Marsh spoke of plans to make the library more ADA compliant. There is a referendum item on the budget referendum scheduled for May 10, 2008 asking the taxpayers for \$12,500 to do conceptual designs for the library. There may also be some state grants available. The deadline for these grants is August 29, 2008.

**Presentation of Bathroom/Concession stand at Rebel Turf**

Parks and Rec Director Steve Merullo and Parks and Rec Commission Chairman Ray Lubus spoke of plans for a bathroom/concession stand at Rebel Turf field at the High School. This item will be a referendum item on the budget referendum scheduled for May 10, 2008. Mr. Merullo showed plans for a two level building with storage on the bottom. The proposed building would be approximately 600 square feet and would easily tie in with the school septic system.

**Historic Preservation Grant for Town Clerk**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an application for the town clerk to apply for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$7,000. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion of expenditures and revenues shortfalls and excess for 2007-2008 fiscal year**

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of shortfalls and excess of revenues and expenses for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Mr. Waterman noted that interest income is down from last year, however not all revenues are in for the month of April. There was a comparison from this time last year. All three selectmen thanked Jay Waterman and the entire Finance Department for their hard work over the last year.

**Adopt a Road**

John Hodge read a letter from Debra Salvato requesting to be appointed as the entity for Bigelow Road for "Adopt a Road". Mr. Hodge thanked Miss Salvato for volunteering and encouraged other members of the community to volunteer. Anyone interesting in volunteering for the "Adopt a Road" program should contact the Selectman's office.

John Hodge made a motion to approve Debra Salvato to be appointed as the entity which will adopt Bigelow Road onto the "Adopt a Road" program for the Town of New Fairfield and to instruct the Public Works Department to mark Bigelow Road accordingly. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfers**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting required). John Hodge seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$26,000.00	4310-451	PW-Road Repair	\$32,000.00	2-001-3300-023	PILOT-Elec. Generation
\$ 2,000.00	4195-620-5	Utilities-TP Fuel Oil			
\$ 4,000.00	4195-626	Utilities-Gas & Diesel			
<b>\$32,000.00</b>			<b>\$32,000.00</b>		

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

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

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$ 4,000.00	4215-130	Communications Center-Overtime	\$ 4,000.00	4215-112	Communications Center-Part Time Salaries
\$ 22,000.00	4210-130-1	Police-Overtime	\$ 16,000.00	4210-110	Police-Salaries
			\$ 6,000.00	4210-110-1	Police Secretary Salary
\$ 6,467.50	4220-430-1	Fire Co's Maint. & Repairs	\$ 2,367.50	4220-610	Fire Co.'s-Suppl. & Equip.
			\$ 2,000.00	4220-610-5	Fire Co.'s-Portable Equipment
			\$ 2,100.00	4220-630	Fire Co.'s-Technology
<b>\$ 32,467.50</b>			<b>\$ 32,467.50</b>		

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

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$ 6,500.00	4161-334	Professional Services-consulting	\$ 1,000.00	4150-110	Finance-Salaries
			\$ 500.00	4153-337	Assessor- Audits-Per.Prop
			\$ 1,000.00	4154-331	Tax Collector-Del Tax
			\$ 500.00	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salaries
			\$ 500.00	4163-520	General Insurance-P&C
			\$ 500.00	4164-431-6	Business Machines-Tech
			\$ 500.00	4190-345	H.R. Business Services
			\$ 500.00	4310-120	PW-Snow Personnel
			\$ 1,000.00	4450-441	Senior Services-SC Lease
			\$ 500.00	4550-343	Library-Automation
<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>			<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>		

**Discuss and vote on Town Meeting Date**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the call of the Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 5:00pm at the Town Hall Conference Room. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (The purpose of the Town Meeting is to approve an additional appropriation for a transfer from Pilot to Public Works road repair & Utilities fuel gas & diesel)

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

**Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to table "Appointments" until the next Board of Selectman's meeting. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion of Public Works/Health Dept. on-line payments**

It was decided to table this item until the BOS meeting of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a discussion of making drop off stickers available on-line. There was a discussion of making as much available on-line as possible.

**Housing Rehab hardship application**

John Hodge made a motion to table the Housing rehab hardship application until the next Board of Selectman's meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 asked about the radio communications. Fire Chief Ed McCue noted that a consultant has been hired and there will be a meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the radio communications. This will be on the agenda for the first BOS meeting in June.

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of the sale of Candlewood Lake. First Selectman Hodge will talk with other CEO's from neighboring towns for their opinion on the sale of the lake.

**Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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