

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2008
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Karen Chance, BOE Member
Ralph Langham, BOE Member
Jane Landers, BOF Member
Al Mardis, BOF 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 the town has been awarded a DECD grant in the amount of \$650,000 for the Senior Center. Construction on the Senior Center must begin by October 15, 2008. Mr. Hodge thanked fellow Selectmen Ron Oliveri and Tom Corbett as well as State Representative Jan Giegler, State Senator David Cappiello and State Representative Mary Ann Carson for all their work with this grant.

Selectman Ron Oliveri congratulated First Selectman John Hodge on all his work with this grant and also thanked fellow Selectman Tom Corbett.

Selectman Oliveri spoke of potential grant also in the amount of \$650,000 from a settlement from General Electric from pollution to the Housatonic River. This grant could potentially be used for hiking trails around New Fairfield. Mr. Oliveri thanked Tom Quigley, Ernest Fabrizio-Garcia, Bill McCann and Jeff Main for all their help with this project.

Public Comment

Ralph Langham spoke of the need for two four-wheel drive vehicles for the town.

Jane Landers thanked everyone involved and especially First Selectman John Hodge for all their hard work with securing the \$650,000 grant for the Senior Center.

Scott Brown spoke of the condition of Arrow Meadow Road

Kim Hanson thanked everyone involved with the Senior Center grant and especially the Permanent Building Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of DECD documents

John Hodge spoke of the contract in connection with the awards letter. Mr. Hodge will forward these documents to the town attorney and it will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Discussion and vote on website on-line payments

John Hodge spoke of on-line payments through the town website. Mr. Hodge noted that he received suggestions from Jane McGowan. There was a discussion about making the website more interactive and allowing residents to do as much as possible on-line.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to authorize the first selectman to have the Health and Sanitation Department initiate an on-line program to be reassessed in December 2009. Fees will be set to insure that the town will not incur and additional expenses. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to approve lease of state land for Little Red Schoolhouse

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize the first selectman to sign the "Certified Resolution" in regard to the Little Red Schoolhouse. (Such resolution to be attached to the minutes of the meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Discussion of Expenditures & Revenue Shortfalls & Excess for 2007-2008 fiscal year

John Hodge spoke of the shortfalls of revenues for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. There has been a freeze on certain accounts within some departments until June 15th. There will be a update at the next meeting.

Budget Transfers

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	
\$500.00	4193-110	ZBA Salaries	\$500.00	4193-610	ZBA Materials and Supplies
\$500.00			\$500.00		

Ron Oliveri made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer (Such document and letter to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	
\$700.00	4121-610	Probate- Materials & Supplies	\$700.00	4140-110	ROV-Salaries
\$700.00			\$700.00		

Housing Rehab Hardship application

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the Housing Rehab Hardship application as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

First Selectman John Hodge appointed Niev Duffy to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. (This appointment does not require a vote of the BOS)

John Hodge made a motion reappoint Mike Gil to HRRA (Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority). Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report with seventeen names dated May 22, 2008 as presented. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report subject to completion of all paperwork and a background check including a drug test. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- None

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

Ron Oliveri asked for an update of the four-wheel drive emergency vehicle.

Tom Corbett asked for an update on Arrow Meadow Road.

Adjournment

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

