

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2008
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Tom Corbett, Selectman (arrived 7:53)

Other Town Officials Present:

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

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman John Hodge announced that tonight was the "Open House" at the High School and there may be interruptions at the meeting.

Public Comment

Resident Eileen Horgan spoke about the minutes of the July 29th special BOS meeting and asked that any votes on these minutes be tabled until Selectman Corbett was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2008 regular meeting and the July 29, 2008 special meeting as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Senior Center Update

First Selectman John Hodge announced that there will be a meeting of the Permanent Building Committee and the architect (Lazarus & Sargent) on Saturday, September 13th. The architect has approximately 99-100% documents and bid specifications ready to go. There will be a review of documents with the PBC on Saturday and thereafter there will be a legal notice put in the paper on Wednesday, September 17th and the actual bid documents will be available on Friday, September 19th.

Dunham Pond Condominium Update

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of Dunham Pond Condominiums. A vote was taken in July to draw down on the letter of credit unless certain criteria were met. These criteria were not met and thus the letter of credit was drawn down on September 10, 2008. Arrangements are currently being made to have a private site developer come in and do the infrastructure improvements.

Dunham Pond Condominium Update (con't)

Mr. Hodge explained that the town has a legal responsibility to enforce the zoning regulations and clarified that the town is not using taxpayer money and it is clearly developer money and that the legal fees and expenses are reimbursable.

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Jim Cunha as an alternate to the Permanent Building Committee. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Michelle Rhyce as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Chris Van Steen as a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the Town Properties account to the Building Repair Reserve Fund for the tie-in project. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer for the fiscal year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$74,993.62 from various line items to other various line items also in the amount of \$74,993.62. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to make an Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$15,994.91 from various line items to other various line items also in the amount of \$15,994.91. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Tom Corbett arrived at 7:53pm and thus did not vote on the previous motions.

AT&T lease agreement for communication tower

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a merger between AT&T and Cingular and as a result certain things are being consolidated on the cell tower and new antennas and cables on the tower were requested. This resulted in a renegotiation of the lease that will give the town an additional lease payment \$400 month.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an amendment to the AT&T lease agreement for the communication tower. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Tom Corbett abstained)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated September 11, 2008 as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #10A “Authorization to allow the first selectman to sign an EMPG State and Local Assistance Program Grant and a Tier II grant application.” Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Grant application

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an EMPG State and Local Assistance Program grant. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a grant application for a Tier II grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of purchasing additional emergency equipment. 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- None

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)