

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 25, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**  
**High School Library**

***Members present:***

John Hodge, First Selectman  
Ron Oliveri, Selectman

***Members not present:***

Tom Corbett, Selectman

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Al Mardis, PBC Chairman  
Kathy Hull, Senior Center Director  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Reggie Lambrech, Youth Commission Chairman  
Various members of the Youth Commission

**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 Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is the first annual soil testing day in New Fairfield from 8:30am to 2:00pm at Shaw's. Mr. Hodge noted that this test will determine if fertilization is necessary for the lawns. This test would be particularly helpful for residents that live around the lake.

First Selectman Hodge noted that there is a dumpster near Memorial Field to recycle old phone books. This dumpster is free, but will only be there for a short time.

**Public Comment**

HRRA Director Cheryl Reedy reminded residents that Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9am to 2pm at the Public Works facility in Danbury. New Fairfield residents are and there is no fee to participate.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2008 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Senior Center Update**

Permanent Building Committee Chairman Al Mardis gave a presentation on the status of the proposed Senior Center. Mr. Mardis showed charts and went over the floor plan for the Senior Center. Mr. Mardis spoke of the advantages of modular construction and also the cost savings of owning a Senior Center instead of renting.

Bids for the Senior Center are expected back by October 7<sup>th</sup> and will be opened the same day at a PBC meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The work for the Senior Center will begin by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mardis encouraged members of the public to attend the PBC meetings.

First Selectman Hodge and Selectman Oliveri thanked Mr. Mardis for all his hard work in tying the project together and making sure that everything was done in a timely manner.

### **Change in agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to switch agenda item #6 (“Discuss and possibly vote on website policy) with item #7 (“New Fairfield Going Green” presentation by the Youth Commission). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **“New Fairfield Going Green” presentation by the Youth Commission**

The New Fairfield Youth Commission made a presentation to the Board of Selectman regarding their successful project called “New Fairfield Going Green”. The purpose of this project was to encourage New Fairfield residents to take care of the planet by recycling more and reducing energy consumption. A website was compiled that allowed households to sign the pledge on line or on paper. Over 550 households in New Fairfield signed the pledge and the website was visited over 8000 times by users in 42 countries and 48 states. The towns of Sherman and Brookfield have asked for permission to model their websites after New Fairfield. Anyone looking for more information on this project can go to [www.nfgoinggreen.com](http://www.nfgoinggreen.com)

Ron Oliveri made a motion that the Board of Selectmen unanimously agree to accept the Youth Commission project as a resounding success, on behalf of the citizens of our town and to thank the Youth Commission for helping New Fairfield to go “green”. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Website Policy**

John Hodge made a motion to that the BOS approve website committee policies #1 and #2 as presented. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Emergency Radio System**

First Selectman Hodge noted that there was a public hearing held on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the emergency radio system. Consultants from Pier Con Solutions gave a presentation regarding the emergency radio system and members of the fire department also spoke at the public hearing. Many questions regarding this project were answered at this public hearing and it is hopeful

that it will be taken to a referendum in the near future. Both First Selectman Hodge and Selectman Oliveri noted that this project was of utmost priority.

**Budget transfers**

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer to transfer money into the Fire Company Reserve account. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$2,560.04	4900-304		\$ 0.42	4220-110	Salaries
			\$ 1,880.00	4220-290	Physicals
			\$ 348.32	4220-430	Building Supplies & Repairs
			\$ 193.87	4220-610-1	Fire Co's-Supplies & Equip
			\$ 62.98	4220-610-5	Portable Equipment
			\$ 20.17	4220-630	Technology
			\$ 54.28	4220-740-2	Dry Hydrants
<b>\$2,560.04</b>			<b>\$ 2,560.04</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting the following additional appropriation to replenish various legal lines due to a prior transfer to Legal-Labor for representation for possible arbitration. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$10,000.00	4161-332-8	Legal-ZBA	\$22,500.00	301-3300-3	Oil Spill Remediation Settle
\$10,000.00	4161-332-7	Legal-Zoning			
\$ 2,500.00	4161-332-1	Legal-Land			
\$ 7,500.00	4161-332-3	Legal Labor	\$ 7,500.00	301-3300-3	Oil Spill Remediation Settle
<b>\$30,000.00</b>			<b>\$30,000.00</b>		

**Appointments**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to reappoint Larry Diou to the Water Pollution Control Authority. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment**- None

**Addition to agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #12A "Authorization for the first selectman to sign construction contract." Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a construction contract for Dunham High Winds Condominiums and all the various corporations that make up the Dunham High Wind Condominium

after town land use counsel review and to expend monies from the letter of credit as per the contract. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

First Selectman Hodge noted that the town drew down on the letter of credit for Dunham Pond Condominiums so that the town would be able to finish up the infrastructure for the association. The Planning Commission and Zoning Commission approvals were running out. A site developer has been brought in to finish the infrastructure.

Selectman Oliveri noted that taxpayer dollars are not being used for this project but instead developer dollars that were posted before the project started and even legal representation is reimbursable.

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

**Adjournment**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**