

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 23, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**  
**High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

**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 a wooden playground in New Milford very similar to the Playscape in New Fairfield was found to have high levels of arsenic in the wood. Mr. Hodge noted that he asked Health Director Tim Simpkins to investigate the Playscape in New Fairfield and was found to be safe. Mr. Hodge read a letter from Health Director Tim Simpkins assuring the public that the Playscape in New Fairfield was safe.

First Selectman Hodge noted that there will be a very deep draw down of Candlewood Lake. The lake will be drawn down to between 7 and 9 feet beginning November 2008. This is a good opportunity for residents to work on docks or seawalls, but must get permits before doing any work. Residents also may remove some of the milfoil in the lake.

First Selectman Hodge noted that the BOS met on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Shoreline Management Plan. First Light has sent a letter to FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) asking that the decision regarding the Shoreline Management Plan be postponed citing that they are working hard on the zoning and building issues. The Town of New Fairfield has only agreed to a delay of FERC's decision if First Light was willing to put all SMP outstanding issues on the table for discussion. Mr. Hodge read excerpts of a letter from First Light saying that the mutual goal is to execute a binding agreement that resolves all the SMP related issues for submission to FERC for review no later than January 31, 2009.

**Public Comment** -None

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 special meeting and the October 17, 2008 special meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

### **Addition to agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to table agenda item #5 “Recognition of Town Personnel” and to add item #5A “Update on Dunham Pond Condominiums” to the agenda. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

### **Update on Dunham Pond Condominiums**

First Selectman John Hodge gave an update on Dunham Pond Condominium Complex. The town took \$1.1 million from the letter of credit for Dunham Pond and hired their own site developer/contractor to finish the infrastructure for the development. Mr. Hodge stressed that the money spent on this project was **not** taxpayer money and instead developer funds and is in a separate account. Mr. Hodge also noted that state statues required the town to finish this infrastructure.

### **Senior Center Update**

First Selectman John Hodge announced that the project for the Senior Center broke ground on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Many local and state officials including State Representatives Mary Ann Carson and Jan Giegler and Governor Jodi Rell attended the Ground breaking ceremony held on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

The contractor SISCA Northeast has offered to do site work that is not included in the original price for a total price of \$1,920,000. This price is approximately \$165,000 under the original estimate.

### **Personnel Report**

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated October 23, 2008 as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Musket Ridge Road Bridge**

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectman approve the following resolution: “Resolved, that John Hodge, First Selectman of New Fairfield be, and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement entitled Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of New Fairfield for the construction, inspection and maintenance required in conjunction with the replacement of the Musket Ridge Road Bridge (Bridge No. 05106) over Ball Pond Brook utilizing federal funds.” Adopted by the Board of Selectman on October 23, 2008. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

### **Public Comment**- None

### **Executive Session for discussing litigation settlement**

John Hodge made a motion to go into executive session at 8:05pm for the purpose of discussing a litigation settlement. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:29pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

Ron Oliveri made a motion to accept the settlement of lawsuit as described and discussed in executive session. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

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

**Adjournment**

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted;

Suzanne Kloos