

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

**MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2009
7:30 PM
High School Library**

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman

Members absent:

Tom Corbett, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Fire Chief, Ed McCue
Dispatch Supervisor, Don Blackwell

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 Tax Department at Town Hall will be extending their hours on Friday, July 31st until 5:00pm to give taxpayers an opportunity to pay their taxes.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of a typo in his column in the *Citizen News* last week which says that there was a 15% decrease in taxes from last year. The actual number should have read .15% decrease.

First Selectman Hodge announced that the next drive-in movie will be held on Friday, July 24th. The movie is *Hotel for Dogs* and it is sponsored by Union Savings Bank.

Public Comment

Resident Jim Mellett spoke about the DECD Grant and the Senior Center and specifically spoke about the age restriction for the new Senior Center. Mr. Mellett also spoke about the Emergency Radio Communications system.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to set date for a Town Meeting/Referendum and approve resolution for Emergency Radio Communications System

Fire Chief Ed McCue spoke of the need for an upgraded Emergency Radio Communication system. Chief McCue explained the problems with the current system and noted that the Fire Department has been doing research for this project for approximately six years. Three consultants have been contacted regarding this project. Chief McCue

requested that anyone with any questions regarding this system to call him at 312-5732 or e-mail him at nfchief@newfairfield.org Chief McCue thanked the entire Board of Selectmen for their support on this project.

Dispatch Supervisor Don Blackwell spoke in support of this project

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the following warning: Notice is hereby give to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings to be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Community Room for the following purpose to wit:

1. To consider and act upon a proposed resolution, as approved by the Board of Finance, and the Board of Selectman that an appropriation, and the expenditure thereof, not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for an Emergency Radio Communication System for the Town of New Fairfield.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting pursuant to an in reliance on Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, has removed Item #1 for submission to the voters by machine vote at such date and time as may be determined at the Town Meeting, provided such date for the machine vote shall be no earlier than seven (7) days, and no later than fourteen (14) days after September 1, 2009 and further provided that such time shall be no less than the hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve one of the following two resolutions with giving the Board of Finance the option to pick one of their choice. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

1. Be it resolved that the Town of New Fairfield approve an upgrade to the town's emergency radio communications system in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 and the expenditure of the town funds thereof. The project will be financed by using \$150,000 from the emergency radio communications capital and nonrecurring fund and \$1,050,000 from the town's unappropriated capital and nonrecurring funds or:
2. Be it resolved that the Town of New Fairfield approve an upgrade to the town's emergency radio communications system in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 and authorize the expenditure of town funds thereof. The project will be financed by using \$150,000 from the emergency radio communications capital and nonrecurring fund and \$1,050,000 from the town's general fund.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to accept donation of \$5,000 for Senior Center plantings

John Hodge made a motion to approve the donation of \$5,000 for plantings for the Senior Center from Dom's Garden Center. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman Hodge thanked Dom Generali from Dom's Garden Center for his generous donations

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Paul Bruno and Peter Viola to the Permanent Building Committee and Sean Loughran to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel report as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to authorize the first selectman to approve resolution to execute and approve all contracts related to Recover Act CT Local JAG grant program

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the following resolution: "Resolved that John Hodge, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield any and all contracts and amendments related to the Recovery Act Connecticut Local JAG grant program and to execute and approve on behalf of this municipality any and all instruments as part or incident to the above contracts and amendments, effective until otherwise ordered by the Board of Selectmen. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Resident Jim Mellett thanked Fire Chief Ed McCue for an excellent presentation regarding the Emergency Radio Communications System and for clarifying information regarding the system.

Resident Eileen Horgan asked about the Policy and Procedures manual and committee.

Fire Chief Ed McCue announced that the Fire Department in conjunction with Danbury Hospital will be sponsoring a CPR course Saturday, August 1st. There will be two sessions. One will be 8:00a.m. to noon and the other from 1:00p.m. until 5:00p.m. Registration is available online at www.mycpr.org. There will be information in the Citizen News.

Addition to agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #10A (Discuss and possibly vote to approve two easement agreements with AT&T) and agenda item #10B (Discussion of approval of a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters with an executive session anticipated.) Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of easements with AT&T

First Selectman Hodge spoke of an agreement with AT&T regarding two easements. Mr. Hodge noted that the town reached an agreement with AT&T in order to grant easements. One of the easements will be on Ball Pond Road East and the other on Gillotti Road at Consolidated School. Mr. Hodge noted that he will consult with the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools regarding these easements.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an easement agreement for the two AT&T locations. One at Gillotti Road at the Consolidated School property and the other at Gillotti Road at Ball Pond East. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Executive Session

Ron Oliveri made a motion to go into executive session at 8:23pm for the purpose of discussing the agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and Teamsters Local #677. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:27pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and Teamster Local #677 from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of a public comment at the last BOF meeting where Library Board Chairman Sarah Marsh asked for funds that were frozen last year to be returned to the library budget. Selectman Oliveri noted that since the library is a town department the library director should have come to the BOS. Mr. Oliveri noted that some money was restored to the library in 2008-2009. First Selectman John Hodge noted that he spoke with Library Director Linda Fox and noted it was the intent of the library board that if there were surplus funds available they would like to receive some of the funds.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)