

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2009
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 7:50pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman John Hodge read a proclamation noting that Friday, February 6th is “Wear Red Day for Women” to raise awareness of Heart Disease.

John Hodge noted that he received notice from the town’s insurance agent “CIRMA” noting that there will be no increase in rates for the renewal of the policy.

John Hodge noted that a letter was sent to the State Traffic Commission regarding a potential blinking light at Beaver Bog and Route 37. HVCEO has approved additional monies for the traffic engineer to do additional studies.

John Hodge noted that the revaluation process has begun. Mr. Hodge encouraged homeowners to ask for identification before allowing anyone into their homes. Identities can be confirmed on the New Fairfield website or by calling the non-emergency police department number.

Public Comment

Resident Jim Mellett spoke about the town’s water system.

Resident Marty Andrews spoke of vacancies on the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2009 meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation and discussion of dog park

Resident Joe Garufi gave a presentation regarding a proposed dog park in New Fairfield. Mr. Garufi spoke of potential locations and ideas for the dog park. Topics discussed regarding the dog park were

having a dog walking area, a gated fence and clean up and maintenance of the park. There was also a discussion of potential liability. First Selectman Hodge noted that he will check with the town attorney as to whether or not a Town Meeting was necessary for this. Mr. Hodge asked that this item be put on the agenda for the Board of Selectman’s meeting of February 26th.

Amendment to the Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to amend the agenda to move item #9 “Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the first selectman to sign a resolution for HRRA” to item #5A and to change item #9 to “Appointments”. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Resolution for Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority

Mike Gill from HRRA spoke of a resolution by the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority to support Danbury’s efforts to take over the White Street Transfer station.

Ron Oliveri made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a resolution authorizing New Fairfield to support Danbury’s efforts to gain ownership of the White Street Transfer station. (Such resolution to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.) Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Collection Service Agreement between Credit Information

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a collection service agreement between the Credit Information Bureau and the Town of New Fairfield. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfer

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$5,087.00	4220-620-2	FireCo-Squantz Utilities	\$ 4,000.00	4220-610	Fire Co. Materials and Supplies
			\$ 1,087.00	4220-610-1	Fire Co. Supplies & Equipment
\$3,411.96	4220-330	Fire Co. Ambulance-Para EMT	\$ 1,000.00	4220-290	Fire Co. Physicals
			\$ 1,000.00	4220-610-5	Fire Co. Portable Equipment
			\$ 1,411.96	4220-610	Fire Co. Materials & Supplies
\$50,000.00	4310-610-3	Public Works-Snow M&S	\$ 30,000.00	4310-451	PW-Road Repair
			\$ 8,000.00	4310-610-1	PW-Build & Grounds M&S
			\$ 8,000.00	4310-742	PW-Truck & Equip M&S
			\$ 4,000.00	4310-610-2	PW-Highways & St. M&S
\$58,498.96.00			\$58,498.96.00		

Authorization for first selectman to execute and approve contracts and amendments with the State of Connecticut

Tom Corbett made a motion to authorize the first selectman to execute and approve any and all contracts or amendments with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Resident Marty Andrews asked to be appointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority. A motion was made to this effect but was never seconded.

Public Comment

Marty Andrews spoke about the vacancy on the Water Pollution Control Authority

General Discussion: Items brought up by selectmen for future agendas

Selectman Ron Oliveri asked that there be an update at the next meeting regarding the status of the Senior Center.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that he will be meeting with a third party consultant on January 23rd regarding the emergency radio communications system. This consultant will review the two current emergency communication proposals and may also offer a third option.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)