

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2009
5:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Jay Waterman, Finance Director

Members not present:

Tom Corbett, Selectman

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm

Discuss and vote on adding two additional items to the call of the Town Meeting set for Thursday, April 23, 2009.

John Hodge read the following Warning for the Town Meeting of April 23, 2009. Such Warning was approved at the special Board of Selectman meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009. "Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings, that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the New Fairfield High School on Thursday, April 23, 2009 following the Public Hearing for the following purposes to wit:"

1. To consider and take action upon the approval of a lease between the Town of New Fairfield and Housatonic Area Regional Transit (HART) for twelve (12) parking spaces located at Ball Pond Fire House for commuter service to the Railroad Station in New York State.
2. To consider and take action upon the approval of a lease between the Town of New Fairfield and Preserve New Fairfield Inc. for the Parsonage and Hubbell House.

MOTION: John Hodge made a motion to add the following two items to the call of the meeting

3. To consider and take action that the Town of New Fairfield agree to set aside approximately one acre of land at the Community Park for the purpose of creating a dog park which will be operated by the Dog Park Fund and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

4. To consider and take action upon the petition requesting approval of an appropriation of \$15,000 for a milfoil weevil project to control Eurasian water milfoil within the borders of the town.

Dated at New Fairfield, CT this 13th day of April 2009.

Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of additional budget cuts

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Board of Finance had asked the Board of Selectman to come to the next meeting with \$175,000 worth of proposed budget cuts to the proposed 2009-2010 budget. Mr. Hodge noted that he met with Finance Director Jay Waterman regarding these cuts. Mr. Hodge noted that the town originally proposed a decrease of .4% from the 2008-2009 budget. The Board of Education proposed a 2.79% increase. First Selectman Hodge noted that in order to get a 0% increased budget, there must be \$1,090,000 worth of cuts.

First Selectman Hodge and Mr. Waterman will present a list of cuts totaling \$1,090,000. There was a discussion of the specific cuts needed.

It was decided that the Board of Selectmen will wait to vote on these cuts at a special meeting at the end of the week so that Selectman Corbett can participate in the vote.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)