

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

**MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2009
7:30 PM
High School Library**

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Larry Marsicano, Candlewood Lake Authority Director

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 noted that the Board of Finance will meet on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30pm in the High School library to discuss the proposed school building project. Mr. Hodge noted that the Board of Education has put together information regarding the school building project available on-line at the New Fairfield Public Schools website. Mr. Hodge encouraged residents to get information and give feedback regarding this project.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the economic stimulus package and noted that the Town of New Fairfield received an additional \$210,000 for the street scape project for sidewalks to connect the Town Hall, library and senior center. Mr. Hodge noted that the town has received approximately ¾ of a million dollars in grants within the last two weeks.

Public Comment

Resident Greg Moore spoke of grants and the economic stimulus package

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 regular meeting and the March 18, 2009 special meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discuss and Vote on providing funding for Milfoil remediation

Candlewood Lake Authority Executive Director Larry Marsicano spoke of Milfoil remediation for Candlewood Lake. Mr. Marsicano noted that they would like to increase the weevil population for

Candlewood Lake and also Williams Pond. Mr. Marsicano spoke of the habits of the weevils and the advantages to the entire lake. Members of the Board of Selectmen asked questions of Mr. Marsicano regarding the remediation. There was a discussion about having the other surrounding towns share in the cost of the remediation.

Budget Transfer (For Lake Remediation- Weevil Project)

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

Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved- Tom Corbett opposed)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$16,000.00	4161-334	Prof. Services- Consulting	\$16,000.00	4195-620-5	Utilities Town Properties-FO
\$16,000.00			\$16,000.00		

Change in Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to move agenda item #9 “Discuss and possibly vote to set Town Meeting date” to item #6A. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Town Meeting Date

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the date of Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:00pm for a Town Meeting for the following purposes: 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 and 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. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Commuter Parking Lot

Rich Schreiner from the Housatonic Area Regional Transit (HART) spoke of the commuter bus system that is tentatively scheduled to start on May 4th. Mr. Schreiner noted that the two parking lots will be Company A Firehouse and Ball Pond Firehouse. The estimated cost for this service is \$1.25 each way. There is no charge for parking at the firehouses. Members of the BOS asked questions of Mr. Schreiner regarding the system and how it works in other town.

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$20,000.00	4210-130-1	Police-Overtime	\$20,000.00	4210-110	Police-Salaries
\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00		

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter/Intra-Departmental transfer. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$92.86	4155-110	BOAA-Salaries	36.84	4198-610	Hist. Prop.-Mat. & Supplies
			36.87	4155-610	BOAA-Mat. & Supplies
			19.15	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salary
\$92.86			\$92.86		

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$1,435.00 from the Town Properties Capital Budget for the Town Hall Fire Alarm System. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Resident Greg Moore spoke of the youth of today and the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Addition to agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #11A “Update from Finance Director”. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Update from Finance Director

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of excess revenues and shortfalls for the year. Mr. Waterman gave an update on year-to-date transfers and also spoke of tax collector fees. There was a discussion of fees involving Sherman. First Selectman Hodge noted that the Town of Sherman allotted their share of the stimulus money to New Fairfield for the commuter parking lot.

Executive Session

John Hodge made a motion to go into executive session at 9:01pm for an update on a personnel issue. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:09pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)