

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 2009
7:30 PM
High School Library

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Ed McCue, Fire Chief

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:55 pm (After Town Meeting)

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman John Hodge noted that a Town Meeting was held immediately preceding this meeting. Almost 200 residents attended this meeting. The call of the meeting included (1) vote to approve a lease between the Town of New Fairfield and HART for parking spaces for located at Ball Pond Fire House for computer service to the Railroad Station in New York (2) vote to approve the lease between the Town of New Fairfield and Preserve New Fairfield, Inc. for the Parsonage and Hubbell House (3) vote to set aside one acre of land at the Community Park for the purpose of creating a dog park and (4) vote to take action upon a 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. All agenda items were approved at the Town Meeting. The Board of Finance will have to appropriate the money for the weevil project before it is approved.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the budget was put together and the combination of the BOE/Town budget came in at a slight decrease from last year. First Selectman Hodge thanked the Board of Finance for all their hard work and cooperation with the budget.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the traffic study for the exit from the High School. HVCEO approved additional funds for so research and have come back with suggestions. This will be on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of the budget mark-up meeting of the Board of Finance held the previous meeting. Mr. Oliveri noted that he was impressed with the process and thanked the Board of Finance for their cooperation with the budget.

Public Comment

Preserve New Fairfield, Inc. President Jim Ogden thanked all the citizens of New Fairfield that attended the Town Meeting and voted on the issues. Mr. Ogden thanked all the citizens that supported the lease between the Town of New Fairfield and Preserve New Fairfield, Inc.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26th regular meeting and the March 31st special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6th special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved-Ron Oliveri abstained)

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

Vote to set date for Annual Town Meeting and remove budget items to a referendum

John Hodge made a motion to set a date for the Annual Town Meeting of Wednesday, May 6th at 7:30pm in the Senior Center. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of budget with Finance Director

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of budget freezes throughout the year and expenditures and revenues. Mr. Waterman noted that some of the freezes have been lifted. There will be an analysis for the last three months of the year.

All three selectmen thanked Mr. Waterman and the entire Finance Department for all their hard work and the phenomenal job that they do.

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the personnel report as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Change in agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add agenda item #7A "Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to appoint engineer for Water Infrastructure Analysis report". Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Motion to add Ad Hoc

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen appoint an Ad Hoc water committee consisting of Tony Iadarola, Tim Simpkins, Lee Sharp, Tom Quigley and John Hodge. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- None

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

Executive Session

John Hodge made a motion to go into executive session at 9:25pm in order to discuss a possible subordination of a small cities loan. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Tom Corbett made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:28pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the subordination of a small cities loan for the person discussed in executive session. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)