

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 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
Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA
Mike Gil, HRRRA

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:40pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements - None

Public Comment

Resident Greg Moore asked about stimulus grants for the commuter parking lot and also the Street Scape project.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 special meeting and the May 26, 2009 special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation of HRRRA poster contest winners

Cheryl Reedy and Mike Gil from Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority presented students in grades 1 through 6 with prizes for the recycling poster contest. 1800 students throughout the region participated in this contest. New Fairfield had several regional winners and several local winners. Mr. Reddy thanked Union Savings Bank for sponsoring this contest and also thanked Kelly Ferris and Barbara Coelho from the New Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department.

Discuss and vote on BOF appropriation of \$1.2 million from the General Fund

First Selectman Hodge noted that the Board of Finance voted not to appropriate \$1.2 million for the General Fund and thus no action was required by the BOS.

Discuss and vote to adopt resolutions pertaining to Meeting House Hill School and High School additions and renovation projects

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectman approve the following local resolutions pertaining to Meeting House Hill School and High School additions and renovations projects:

RESOLVED, that the New Fairfield Board of Selectman authorizes the New Fairfield Board of Education to apply to the Commission of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the additions and renovations at Meeting House Hill School.

RESOLVED, that the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen authorizes the New Fairfield Board of Education to apply to the Commission of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Partial Abatement of the Second Floor at the New Fairfield High School.

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Fairfield Permanent Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Additions and Renovations at Meeting House Hill School.

RESOLVED, that the Town of New Fairfield Permanent Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Partial Abatement of the second floor at the New Fairfield High School.

RESOLVED, that the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the preparation of contract documents and specifications for the Additions and Renovations at Meeting House Hill School

RESOLVED, that he New Fairfield Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the preparation of contract documents and specifications for the Partial Abatement of the second floor at the New Fairfield High School.

Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to reduce bond for Cathmere Estates

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize the reduction of the bond of \$259,032.44 with a balance of \$10,000 remaining. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to reduce bond for Sonneborn Estates

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectman approve a reduction of the letter of credit for Sonneborn Estates in the amount of \$44,623 with a remaining balance of \$40,000. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #9A & #9B, Transfers (Building Repair Reserve Fund) and vote to set a Town Meeting Date. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Transfer

John Hodge made a motion to transfer \$3,455.01 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to the Condenser Motor PD-AC in the amount of \$2,189.76 and Town Hall Furnace replacement in the amount of \$1,265.25. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to set Town Meeting Date

First Selectman Hodge made a motion to approve the following Warning for the Town Meeting:

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at a Town Meeting a special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:30pm in the High School Library for the following purpose:

1. To consider and act upon a resolution to approve the expenditure of \$15,000 for the Milfoil Weevil Control Project within the borders of New Fairfield and the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15,000 to meet said expenditures.

Dated at New Fairfield this 28th day of May 2009. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to authorize the first selectman to sign the State Police contract and vote to readopt 1995 resolution regarding BOF Intra-Departmental transfers

John Hodge made a motion to table agenda item #10 (Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the first selectman to sign the State Police Contract) and agenda item #11 (Discuss and possibly vote to readopt the 1995 resolution regarding BOF Intra-Departmental transfers) until the next regular BOS meeting. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Monthly Financial Update

Finance Director Jay Waterman gave an update of financials for the end of March and the end of April. Mr. Waterman noted that the town is in better shape than anticipated and noted specific line items that have better than expected. First Selectman John Hodge thanked Jay Waterman and the entire Finance Department for all their hard work.

Appointment

Tom Corbett made a motion to appoint Linda Finn to the Historic Properties Commission. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

BOF Chairman Joe Hart spoke of the Town Meeting and the timing of the publication.

Resident Greg Moore spoke of the school and town budget votes and the need to get more people out to vote.

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

John Hodge noted that the Radio Consultant is in the final stages of putting together the RFP for the radio project. An RFP will be sent out shortly with a return date of the end of June.

Discuss and vote on a tax abatement issue- Executive Session Anticipated

John Hodge made a motion to table item #16 (Discuss and vote on a tax abatement issue) until the next regular BOS meeting. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)