

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2009
7:30 PM
Community Room

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager

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 there will be a Public Hearing regarding the new proposed Zoning Regulations on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00pm in the New Fairfield High School cafeteria. A complete version of the Zoning Regulations is in the Zoning office, in the Town Clerk's office and on the New Fairfield town website under Zoning.

First Selectman John Hodge announced that Saturday HART Bus service will be suspended since the state still does not have a budget.

First Selectman John announced that Standard and Poor's has upgraded New Fairfield's rating from AA2 to AAA. This is the highest rating possible and only 168 other municipalities in the United States received this rating. This amount to enormous savings on interest rates for the school projects.

Selectman Ron Oliveri announced that former Selectman Ron Stoddard passed away and gave condolences to his family.

Public Comment

Karen Chance thanked everyone involved with obtaining the AAA status.

Don Blackwell thanked the BOS and everyone involving with the AAA status. Mr. Blackwell also encouraged the BOS to support the emergency radio communications project.

Addition to Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #4A (Approval of minutes of July 23, 2009) and item #9A (Authorize the first selectman to sign a contract with DOT for federal stimulus projects). Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

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

Personnel report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel report as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

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 #	
\$30,000.00	4161-332-3	Legal-Land	\$10,000.00	4161-332-8	Legal-ZBA
			\$8,000.00	4161-332-1	Legal-Land
			\$5,000.00	4161-332-7	Legal- Zoning
			\$2,500.00	4161-332-5	Legal-Health Code
			\$2,500.00	4161-332-9	Legal-Inland/Wetland
			\$2,000.00	4161-332-4	Legal-General/Other
\$ 30,000.00			\$ 30,000.00		

John Hodge made a motion to approve a transfer of \$8,000 from Building Repair Reserve for Lightning Protection for the library and \$14,432.00 to Public Works Mezzanine from the Building Repair Reserve Fund leaving a balance in the Building Repair Reserve Fund of \$55,726.49. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Robert Bell and Ray Juskiewicz to the Charter Communications Cable Advisory Counsel for a term of two years. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Charter Communications Cable Advisory Counsel and having a town employee on the committee and whether or not this committee should be open to more town residents.

Endorsement of Board of Education resolution regarding Channel 17 Live Feed

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen endorse the motion that was made at the August 20, 2009 Board of Education that read "be it resolved that the Board of Education supports the following options in the following order: (1) The installation of an additional Live Broadcast Point in the Community Room, (2) A technical solution to allow a relay of live broadcasting from the Community Room without the need for personnel at the

current Live Broadcast Point, (3) Moving the Live Broadcast Point from its current location to the Community Room.” Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

There was a lengthy discussion of the uses of Channel 17 and how the change in location of the Live Feed would affect Channel 17 and the students at New Fairfield High School. There was a discussion of all three options that were voted on by the BOE.

John Hodge made a motion to call the question on the previous motion. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

**Vote on original motion after the question was called: 2-1-0
(Motion approved-Tom Corbett opposed)**

Discuss and review Town Meeting Date for Emergency Radio Communications Project

First Selectman John Hodge read the “Warning” for the Town Meeting and noted that a Town Meeting will be held on the Emergency Radio Communications Project at 7:30pm in the Community Room on Tuesday, September 1st. The purpose of the Town Meeting is to set a date for the referendum. It is hopeful that the referendum will be held on Saturday, September 12th.

Authorization of first selectman to sign contract with DOT for federal stimulus projects

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a contract with DOT for federal stimulus money for State Project 90-96 and 90-97 also know as federal projects #1090103 and #000R606. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Board of Finance retention of Legal Counsel & associated fees

First Selectman Hodge noted that the BOF voted at their last meeting to obtain legal counsel regarding a list of issues. First Selectman Hodge noted that the BOF has \$2900.00 in their legal budget to spend on such opinion and anything above that would have to come to the BOS for approval.

Public Comment

Bob Bell suggested putting a fiber option line down before installing the sidewalks.

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

Selectman Tom Corbett asked for an update on the Water System. Selectman Corbett also asked that he get the agendas for the BOS meetings sooner.

Adjournment

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)