

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 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
Sarah Marsh, Library Board Chairman
Sharon Holm, Library Board member
Janet Hansen, Library Board member
Linda Fox, Library 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 spoke of the Shoreline Management Plan and noted that New Fairfield opposed the Shoreline Management Plan because of annual administration fees. New Fairfield filed intervenor status. First Selectman Hodge noted that First Light has decided to waive their claim to charge administrative fees. The Shoreline Management Plan can now move ahead and be implemented.

Mr. Hodge further noted that Squantz Pond was not originally included in the Shoreline Management Plan and New Fairfield is opposed to its inclusion. Mr. Hodge encouraged anyone with comments or opinions specifically regarding Squantz Pond and the Shoreline Management Plan to contact the Selectman's office.

Mr. Hodge spoke of the Emergency Radio Communications system and noted that he found a third party consultant to review the two plans submitted by Pier Con and resident Ron Graiff. This consultant was asked to compare the two plans or to come up with a third alternate plan.

Selectman Ron Oliveri noted that the foundation for the Senior Center is in and looks great.

Public Comment

Resident Marty Andrews spoke of the library renovation project and pledge \$10,000 for the project. Mr. Andrews also spoke of the "Federal Stimulus Plan" and encouraged the boards in town to look for potential opportunities.

Resident Robert Byers spoke about consulting fees for the Emergency Radio communication system.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Corbett made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Library Construction report/update

Library Board Chairman Sarah Marsh gave an update on the library construction. The Library Board has been meeting with an architect since October 2006 and is waiting for the state bond commission for the status of a grant. Mrs. Marsh thanked Marty Andrews for his pledge to the library construction. Mrs. Marsh asked the BOS for a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm to discuss the library project.

Selectman's 2009-2010 Budget

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of the current year's budget and explained the revenues and expenditures for the year. There was a permanent 3% freeze to the budget and then an additional temporary 3% freeze. The proposed town budget for 2009-2010 represents a decrease of 0.38%. The entire Board of Selectmen thanked Finance Director Jay Waterman, Accounting Manager Ed Sbordone and all the department heads for their hard work and diligence with this budget process.

Tom Corbett made a motion that the Board of Selectman adopt the municipal budget for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$9,887,161.00. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Zoning Board of Appeals fees

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals board to raise its application fee from \$180 to \$200. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Department of Transportation Dial-a-Ride Grant

Ron Oliveri made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the following resolution: Resolution authorizing First Selectman John Hodge to negotiate and execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut and to affix the corporate seal. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Emergency Management Homeland Security

First Selectman John Hodge explained that there is a grant available that puts together an "emergency box" that would give the town the ability to set up a mobile command center anywhere in town. This kit would be 100% paid for by this grant.

John Hodge made a motion that the Town of New Fairfield enter into and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate and further resolve that John Hodge as First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing

and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to accept the resignations of Al Mardis and Antonio Iadarola as regular members of the Permanent Building Committee and to appoint Antonio Iadarola as an alternate to the PBC and to elevate Paul Bruno and James Cunha from alternate members to regular members of the PBC. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfer

John Hodge made a motion to transfer \$2,350 from the furnace and pump from Public Works replacement to the Building Repair Reserve line bringing the total balance to \$16,608.50. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter/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 #	
\$10,000.00	4310-610-1	PW-Building & Grounds M & S	\$2,000.00	4120-340	Town Clerk-Index & Micro
			\$1,000.00	4120-610	Town Clerk-Mat. & Supplies
			\$1,000.00	4154-331	Tax Coll.-Delq.Tax Coll.Fees
			\$2,600.00	4310-421	PW-Disposal of Waste
			\$1,700.00	4310-451	PW-Road Repair
			\$1,400.00	4310-742	PW-Truck & Equip M & R
			\$ 300.00	4310-610-4	PW-Safety Committee M&S
\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		

Change in Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to move item #12 (Personnel Report) on the agenda to item #14A. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- None

Executive Session

Ron Oliveri made a motion to go into executive session at 8:37pm to discuss a personnel issue. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:57pm. 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. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the budget discussions and presentation to the Board of Finance will be held on Saturday, March 7th in the High School library.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Permanent Building Committee is working on the school project and hopefully will be voted on at the same time as the budget referendum.

Adjournment

Ron Oliveri made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)