

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
8:00 PM
High School Library

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman John Hodge announced that the HART commuter bus service will begin on Monday, May 18th. A schedule will be printed in the May 13th edition of the *Citizen News*. Mr. Hodge noted that the cost for the bus service is \$1.25 each way and a monthly pass will cost \$27. Anyone looking for more information can call the Selectman's office.

First Selectman John Hodge thanked his entire staff, the Health Department, the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Castagnola and his staff for their thoroughness and completeness regarding the Swine Flu. Mr. Hodge noted that there were many meetings and that everyone cooperated. There was a pamphlet in the *Citizen News* last week giving suggestions for what to do in case of a pandemic. Mr. Hodge encouraged residents to read the pamphlet and to stock up on non-perishable items.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that he met with DEP along with State Representatives Mary Ann Carson, Jan Giegler and Mike McLachlan regarding Squantz Pond. DEP is promising that Squantz Pond will be staffed to the same level as last year and the State Police will also staff the outside of the park to the same level as last year.

Mr. Hodge noted that DEP kicked off the "Great Park Pursuit" at Squantz Pond this past Saturday.

First Selectman Hodge reminded residents that there will be a referendum vote this Saturday, May 16th from 8am to 8pm for the school and town budgets and the school building projects.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Ron Oliveri made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Ron Olivieri made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2009 special meeting with the following amendment that “Ron Oliveri made a motion to endorse the budget revisions as proposed in the Citizen News” adding “in the First Selectman’s column.” John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2009 special meeting as presented. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote on Milfoil weevil project

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the BOF met just prior to this meeting to reconsider the milfoil weevil project that was put forth at a Town Meeting on April 23rd. This project was approved at the Town Meeting by the taxpayers, but was voted down at by the BOF at the meeting immediately prior to this. A lengthy discussion ensued about the project and the role of the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. There was a discussion about retaining legal counsel for this question.

John Hodge made a motion that the first selectman be authorized to retain counsel in regards to action of the Board of Finance specifically in regard to the weevil project. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

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

Authorization to adopt a resolution for DECD

First Selectman Hodge noted that a resolution needs to be signed by the Board of Selectman for the Department of Economic and Community Development for qualified residents unable to pay for certain improvements to their homes.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a document which approves a resolution for the Department of Economic and Community Development. (Such resolution to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.) Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Selectmen endorsement of the Shoreline Management Plan

John Hodge noted that the Board of Selectman approved a “Land Use” agreement at a previous BOS meeting that would be attached to the Shoreline Management Plan subject to the BOS endorsing the Shoreline Management Plan.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign agreement and for the Board of Selectmen to endorse the Shoreline Management Plan and approve the signing of the Land Use Agreement that was submitted at a prior BOS meeting. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Tom Corbett 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 #	
\$1,000.00	1-4450-620	Senior Center Utilities	\$ 1,000.00	1-4195-620-5	Town Properties-Fuel Oil
\$1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00		

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 #	
\$10,000.00	4161-332-3	Prof. Services-Legal Labor	\$ 5,000.00	4161-332-5	Prof. Services-Legal Health
			\$ 5,000.00	4161-332-8	Prof. Services-Legal ZBA
\$10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00		

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)

Public Comment- None

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

It was decided that there will be an update on the HVCEO Traffic study for the High School entrance on the agenda of May 28th.

The Library Board will make a presentation regarding the Library renovation project on May 28th.

There will be a discussion of Intra-Departmental transfers on a future agenda.

Discuss and possibly vote on a tax abatement issue: Executive Session Anticipated

John Hodge made a motion to table this agenda item until the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting on May 28th. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Tom Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted;

Suzanne Kloos