

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

MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009
7:30 PM
Community Room**

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

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 announced that the next BOS meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24th due to Thanksgiving on Thursday. This will be the first BOS meeting with the newly elected Board of Selectmen.

Public Comment- Residents Paul Bruno, Karen Chance and Don Blackwell thanked outgoing Selectman Tom Corbett and Selectman Ron Oliveri for all their service to the town and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Approval of Minutes

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the first selectman to sign any and all contracts related to the Recovery Act Connecticut Energy Efficiency Program

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the following resolution: "Resolved that John Hodge, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield any and all contracts and amendments related to the Recovery Act Connecticut Energy Efficiency program and to execute and approve on behalf of this municipality any and all instruments a part of or incident to the above contracts and amendments, effective until otherwise ordered by the Board of Selectmen." Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman John Hodge explained that this program is a stimulus grant in the amount of approximately \$6500 to improve the energy efficiency in town buildings. Mr. Hodge noted that a large portion of this grant would be to insulate Town Hall.

Discuss and possibly vote to authorize the first selectman to sign DECD resolution pertaining to construction of three new radio towers

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the following resolution “WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S.4-66g, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of New Fairfield make an application to the State for \$250,000 in order to undertake the Construction of three new radio towers and to execute an Assistance Agreement. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. 4-66g
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of New Fairfield in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 is hereby approved and that John E. Hodge, First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of New Fairfield.

Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman Hodge noted that this resolution was in reference to the STEAP Grant received for the Emergency Radio Communications project.

Discussion and vote on agreement for Design & Construction replacement of culverts over East Lake Brook

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an agreement/contract with Cardinal Engineering for the replacement of culverts over East Lake Brook. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint James Gardiner and Robert Natali as Deputy Fire Marshals. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Ron Oliveri thanked the volunteers on the Fire Department.

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to appropriate \$3,500 from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to the Public Works Mezzanine. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to accept gifts to the Senior Center totaling \$564.07

John Hodge made a motion to accept a gifts totaling \$564.07 for the Senior Center. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to set a Town Meeting date to accept a gift from the New Fairfield Lions Club to New Fairfield Dept. of Social Services

John Hodge made a motion to set a Town Meeting date of Monday, November 30, 2009 at 5:30pm in the Town Hall Conference Room for the following purposes to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon a proposed resolution to accept a donation in the amount of \$6000 from the New Fairfield Lions Club for the New Fairfield Department of Social Services dated at New Fairfield the 16th day of November 2009.

Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- First Selectman John Hodge, Selectman Tom Corbett and Selectman Ron Oliveri thanked each other for working together so well in the past two years. Selectman Ron Oliveri thanked several members of the public for all their help while he served on the BOS for the last ten years.

Executive Session to discuss & possibly vote on legal strategy for pending claim

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05 to discuss and possibly vote on legal strategy for a pending claim and to invite Labor Attorney Kathryn Thompson into the Executive Session. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:03pm. Ron Oliveri seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to reorganize the staffing in the Vehicle Maintenance Division as 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 9:04 pm. Tom Corbett seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)