

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2010
7:30 PM
Community Room

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Monika Thiel, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Mary Ann Carson, State Representative
Mike McLachlan, State Senator
Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Al Mardis, BOF Member
Tom Quigley, BOF Alternate

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Monika Thiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation of Falcon Cheerleaders

State Senator Mike McLachlan presented the New Fairfield Falcon Cheerleaders with a proclamation on behalf of Governor Jodi Rell.

State Representative Mary Ann Carson presented the New Fairfield Falcon Cheerleaders with a citation from State Senator Mike McLachlan and State Representatives Mary Ann Carson and Jan Giegler.

First Selectman John Hodge presented the New Fairfield Falcon Cheerleaders with a proclamation on behalf of the New Fairfield Board of Selectmen and declared Thursday, February 25, 2010 to be "New Fairfield Cheerleader Day"

Addition to the agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add agenda item #5A "Discuss and vote on providing a small cities grant". Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of providing a small cities grant

Grants Administrator Lisa Low approached the BOS about making a special exception and giving a \$7,500 grant assistance grant to a town resident to remediate lead on the siding of their house. There was a discussion about the difference between a small cities grant and a loan. It was noted that if the homeowner took a loan they would not be required to pay it back until the house is sold or refinanced. It was decided not to grant the special exception but noted that the homeowner could take advantage of a loan.

Discussion of Aquarion Water Co. Request

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a proposal by Aquarion Water Company to add a water line and hydrants that would service 210 residents in the Ball Pond area. The cost of this system is \$25,000. It was decided not to take action on this at this time.

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$500. Monika Thiel 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 #	
\$500.00	4160-130	Unclass P&B-OT Contingency	\$500.00	4160-140	Unclass P&B-Salary Adjustment
\$500.00			\$500.00		

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Personnel Report dated February 25, 2010 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS appoint Ron Oliveri as an alternate to the Board of Finance. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-1-0 (Motion approved-Monika Thiel opposed)

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Reggie Lambrech and Eric Wismar to the Youth Commission. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to set Hearing date and Town Meeting date for lease renewal of Hahlawah Gun & Rifle Club

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting. "Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 immediately following the Public Hearing in the Community Room @ 33 Route 37 for the following purpose to wit to consider and take action upon a proposed resolution to approve and expand the agreement with the Hahlawah Rifle & Pistol Club Inc. from Five (5) years to Ten (10) years and to consider and take action upon a proposed resolution to renew the existing agreement with Hahlawah Rifle & Pistol Club Inc." Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Grant Program for elderly and disabled transit services

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman 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. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Emergency Radio Communications Project

There was a lengthy discussion among the members of the BOS regarding the Emergency Radio Communications project that was passed in a referendum in Sept. 2009. First Selectman Hodge spoke of the bid process and the timing of the project and noted that the town will be accepting a \$250,000 STEAP Grant for the project. There was a discussion of other projects in town. Selectman Monika Thiel requested a copy of the contract regarding the Emergency Radio Communication project.

Public Comment

Tom Quigley spoke of the Emergency Radio Communication project

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agenda- None

Executive Session

John Hodge made a motion to add item #14A "Executive Session" to the agenda. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:46pm to discuss a settlement of pending litigation and to invite Finance Director Jay Waterman into the Executive Session. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:13pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign a settlement agreement as presented in Executive Session on behalf of the town. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)