

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2010
7:30 PM
Community Room

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Ed McCue, Fire Chief
Linda Fox, Library Director
Margaret Golden, Assistant Library Director
Gail Leham, Library Board Chairman
Various members of the Library Board

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 if any residents had any damage done to their property due to the storm on March 12th, they should call the state at “211” or go online at www.211ct.org for claims.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that weevils will be put in the test sections of Candlewood Lake around the third week of June.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Street Scape sidewalk project will be starting in about a week.

Fire Chief Ed McCue noted that the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Dept. has received an AFG grant in the amount of \$579,000 for the Emergency Radio Communication project. First Selectman John Hodge further announced that New Fairfield also received a \$250,000 STEAP grant for the Emergency Radio Communications project. The approximate total of grants is \$829,000 in grants for this project.

Public Comment

Cheryl Reedy announced that there will be a “Household Hazardous Waste” day on Saturday, May 22nd in Newtown from 9am to 2pm. There is no charge for this service. Anyone with more information can go to www.hrra.org

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation by Cheryl Reedy of Town Recycling Poster Winners

Cheryl Reedy from HRRA and Marlene Lamendola from Union Savings Bank presented awards to the Winners for the Recycling Poster contest. Over 1000 students throughout the region participated. Students were presented with piggy banks made out of recycled money.

Library Construction project

Library board member Sarah Marsh spoke of the proposed project to renovate the library.

Architect Michael Tribe spoke of the layout of the renovated library and the plan to make the library ADA compliant. Mr. Tribe spoke of the grant for the renovation and noted that the building must be made ADA Compliant in order to receive this grant. Mr. Tribe spoke of a state grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for this project and noted that the building must be used as a library for at least ten years in order to receive this grant.

John Hodge made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting a library renovation project and addition to be funding through the issuance of bond in an amount not to exceed \$3,100,000 along with a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 as well as donations in the amount of \$400,000 for a total project cost not to exceed \$4,500,000. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Endorsement of Blinking Light at Rte 37 & Beaver Bog Road

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen endorse the idea of a blinking light at the intersection of Rte. 37 & Beaver Bog Road. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Small Cities Development Program

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the following resolution: Whereas Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to public law 93-383 as amended and whereas pursuant to Chapter 127C and part 6 of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General Statutes and the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disperse such federal money to local municipalities and whereas it is desirable in the public interest of the Town of New Fairfield to make applications to the state for \$300,000 in order to undertake the Small Cities Community Development program and to execute an additional application should one be offered, now therefore be resolved by the BOS of the Town of New Fairfield that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites of the state assistance imposed part 6 of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the filing of the application by the Town of New Fairfield in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and that John Hodge, First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to execute this application with the Commissioner of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development to provide such additional information to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner to execute an assistant agreement with the State of Connecticut for state financial assistance if such an agreement is offered. To execute any amendments, revisions and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of New Fairfield. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to authorize the first selectman to sign an amendment to 302 Ball Pond Tower Lease Agreement

John Hodge made a motion to approve the amendment to the 302 Ball Pond Tower Lease as presented with two modifications. Modification #1 would be to add in paragraph 3, end of first sentence “at the end of the fiscal year that the termination takes place.” A fiscal year is defined as July 1 through June 30th and to make an additional modification to the agreement on paragraph 4 following the last sentence that says “annual rent of \$1500/per month for each succeeding year shall be equal to 103% of the rent payable for the immediately proceeding year.” Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Rebels Care program

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of “Rebels Care” which is a program initiated by the New Fairfield Youth Commission to do minor home repairs and improvements to homes of Senior Citizens and less fortunate people in New Fairfield. Mr. Hodge spoke of the policies and procedures to the Rebels Care program and noted that he will be looking into storage options for tools and equipment used by the Youth Commission. Mr. Hodge noted that he talked to the town’s insurance carrier and noted that everyone is covered under the town’s insurance policy.

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental Transfer. 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 #	
12,000.00	4210-130-1	Police-Overtime	12,000.00	4210-110	Police-Salaries Officers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental Transfer. 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	4460-344	BPAC-Weed Control	500.00	4460-110	BPAC-Salaries

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental Transfer. Susan Chapman 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 #	
2,273.84	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries	2,273.84	4310-120	Public Works-Snow Person

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental Transfer. Susan Chapman 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 #	
350.00	4164-430-5	Bus. Machine-Copier Maint.	350.00	4164-431-2	Bus. Machine-Tax Coll. Equip.

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Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
2,000.00	4161-332-1	Prof. Services-Legal Land	2,000.00	4161-332-3	Prof. Services-Legal Labor

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Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
700.00	4192-610	Zoning Comm. M& S	700.00	41912-110	Zoning Comm. Salaries

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Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
1,810.00	4153-337	Assessor-Audits-Pers. Prop.	1,810.00	4153-110	Assessor-Salaries

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental Transfer. 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 #	
5,000.00	4160-250	Unclass P & B Unemployment	5,000.00	4163-520	Gen. Ins-Property & Casualty
2,000.00	4220-338	Fire Co-Ambulance P/EMT	2,000.00	4195-620-2	Utilities-Fire Companies
900.00	4460-334	BPAC-Weed Control	900.00	4161-334	Prof. Serv. Consulting
7,900.00			7,900.00		

John Hodge made a motion to make a transfer from the Building Repair Reserve Fund to Town Hall Flooring in the amount of \$10,000. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Update on Revenues and Expenditures

Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of projections for revenues and expenses through April 2010

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved-Monika Thiel abstained and noted that she abstained since there was no effective date for a resignation)

Discussion of Park & Recreation & Drop-Off Center policies and procedures

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of new policies and procedures for the handling of money in the Park and Rec Department and the Drop-Off center. Mr. Hodge explained the process of having the town auditors do an audit of “off budget” accounts. Mr. Hodge noted that this should be discussed at the next Board of Finance meeting since it is the BOF that hires the auditors for the town.

Public Comment

Resident Greg Moore commented on the low turn-out for the last budget vote held on May 8th

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

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)