

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

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

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Ed McCue, Fire Chief  
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman  
Reggie Lambrech, Youth Commission Chairman  
Mike Gill, HRA

**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 tonight's meeting will be broadcast live and all future meetings will be held live. Mr. Hodge thanked Ray Juskiewicz for all his work in getting the live broadcast up and running.

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the Community Service Club will host and "Amber Alert Picture Day" this Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1:30pm at First Steps. First Selectman Hodge announced that the car seat demonstration trailer paid for by the JAG Grant will also be at the Amber Alert.

**Public Comment**

Resident Tom Gibbons spoke of the proposal to increase the cost of copies for the audio tapes for the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings.

**Approve Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 25, 2010.**

John Hodge made a motion to table the approval of the February 25, 2010 minutes until the next regular BOS meeting. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Proposal from Youth Commission**

Youth Commission chairman Reggie Lambrech spoke of a proposal by the Youth Commission called "Rebel Cares". This program would be run by high school students with adult supervision and will offer minor home repairs for the elderly and needy in New Fairfield. Ms. Lambrech spoke of the Mission Statement for "Rebels Cares" and noted that this has been checked with the town's insurance carrier and Attorney Coppola. Ms. Lambrech spoke of a desire for "Rebels Cares" to have a fund separate and apart

from the Youth Commission’s budget that can be carried over from year to year. Members of the BOS asked questions of Ms. Lambrech regarding this proposal.

John Hodge made a motion to endorse the Youth Commission’s proposal to start Rebel Cares subject to the following additional approvals:

1. Approval of a waiver form by town counsel
2. Approval of a homeowner release form or lack or homeowner release form by town counsel
3. Written approval or authorization from the town’s insurance carrier that the students and volunteers are covered under the town’s insurance.
4. Power tool training for student volunteers
5. Approval of a special fund for Rebel Cares through the Finance Dept.

Susan Chapman seconded the motion

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

**Vote to authorize the first selectman to sign an application for the town clerk to apply for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$3000.**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign an application for the town clerk to apply for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$3,000. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

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 #	
\$2,500.00	4161-332-8	Legal-ZBA	\$2,500.00	4161-332-3	Legal-Labor
<b>\$2,500.00</b>			<b>\$2,500.00</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-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 #	
\$60.76	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salaries	\$200.41	4215-530	Comm. Center-NW-PSCC
\$139.65	4155-110	BOAA-Salaries			
<b>\$200.41</b>			<b>\$200.41</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to approve the transfer from the Building Repair Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,360.00 from the Drop Off Center Camera Installation and \$2,632.50 for the Police Department Condenser Motor AC unit for a total transfer of \$4,992.50. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Vote to authorize the first selectmen to sign E-waste Collection and Recycling Agreement**

Mike Gill from the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA) spoke of an agreement for recycling of electronics. Mr. Gill noted that the State of Connecticut has passed legislation that requires all municipalities to take e-waste at no charge from residents. No effective date has been set for this legislation. Mr. Gill spoke of a proposal that will do a regional approach to collecting e-waste. Electronic devices included are computers, monitors and televisions.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS authorize the first selectman to sign the adoption agreement from the E-Waste Collection and Recycling agreement as presented. (Such contract to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote to ratify the Communications Contract and authorize the first selectman to sign the contract**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement with changes for Local 677-International Brotherhood of Teamsters for full-time communications center dispatchers as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discuss & possibly vote to authorize the first selectman to sign the addendum to the Public Works Contract**

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign the addendum to the Public Works collective bargaining agreement as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote to set Town Meeting date to vote on \$250,000 STEAP Grant to Construct 3 New Radio Tower**

John Hodge read the Warning for the Town Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion regarding the status of the Communications system upgrade project.

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Warning for a Town Meeting for Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Community Room to consider and take action upon a proposed resolution to accept financial assistance and to authorize the first selectman to sign the project in the form of a STEAP Grant in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 for Radio Communication system upgrade and the expenditure thereof. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Personnel Report**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated March 25, 2010 as presented. Monika Thiel seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Mary Anagones and Pat Del Monaco to the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Vincent Mancuso as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

John Hodge made a motion to appoint John Parille as an alternate to the Zoning Commission. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Leonard Russell to the HART Authority. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Keith Norton as the tree warden for New Fairfield from March 2010 to March 2011. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Addition to agenda**

Monika Thiel made a motion to add item #13A “Rescind vote regarding settlement agreement from the February 25, 2010 Board of Selectman meeting.”

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Rescind vote regarding settlement agreement from the February 25, 2010 BOS meeting**

Selectman Monika Thiel read a statement into the record requesting that her vote at the BOS meeting on February 25, 2010 be rescinded. (Such statement to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). It was noted that it is not possible to rescind a vote and a brief discussion ensued regarding this matter.

#### **Public Comment**

Greg Moore spoke of the proposed monitors at the drop-off center and the Park and Rec settlement with the town.

Holly Murtha spoke of the Youth Commission Rebels Cares project and also spoke of the Park and Rec settlement with the town.

Kim Hanson thanked the BOS putting the town’s financial interest ahead of the politics in regard to the Parks and Rec settlement.

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

Susan Chapman spoke of the CERT program that was discussed at the last HVCEO meeting. She will contact Director of Emergency Management Jean Flynn to see if they want to make a presentation regarding this at a future BOS meeting.

Monika Thiel noted that she met with Town Clerk Janice Zackeo to convert town ordinances to electronic form.

John Hodge noted that AT&T U-verse is in the process of making a deal with the town where the town will provide the signal to AT& T for Channel 17 and this will allow live video screening to computers.

John Hodge read a statement regarding the town settlement with the Parks and Rec employee.

#### **Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

