

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 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
Ron Oliveri, BOF Alternate
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

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Muskett Ridge Bridge project has begun and is expected to be done by December.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the project to extend the sidewalks from the library to the Senior Center with a foot bridge has been approved and the bids came in way under the anticipated budget for the project.

First Selectman Hodge noted that a Town Meeting was held on Thursday, April 8th to accept a \$250,000 STEAP Grant for the Emergency Radio Communications project. This brings the total money available for the Radio Communications project to approximately \$1,450,000.

Public Comment

Selectman Monika Thiel read a statement from resident James Mellett regarding the construction of the Senior Center.

Jim McAllister from the Candlewood Lake Authority spoke of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative and noted that there will be a "Soil Testing Day" on Saturday, April 17th at Starbucks from 8:30am to 3:00pm. This program is free for first timers and more information can be found at www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org

Mr. McAllister also spoke of three seminars sponsored by the Candlewood Watershed Initiative to be held on Saturday, April 17th beginning at 9:00am at the Community Room. The first subject is "Creating landscapes", the second subject is "Protecting Water Quality Against Natural Forces" and the third is "Evasive Aquatic Plants"

Tom Corbett spoke of the Parks and Recreation settlement.

Ron Oliveri spoke of the Parks and Recreation settlement.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke in response to the public comment regarding the Parks and Recreation settlement.

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion approve the minutes of the February 25, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010 regular meeting and the April 1, 2010 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

After a discussion, John Hodge called the question on the previous motion. Susan Chapman seconded the motion. This was not voted on and was subsequently voted on again later in the meeting along with a revote for the approval of minutes.

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting Required) in the amount of \$37,500. Susan Chapman seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

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

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$18,600.00	4310-423	PW-Contracted Services	\$18,600.00	3300-001	Revenue-Town Aid
\$10,000.00	4310-742	PW-Truck & Equip. M & R	\$10,000.00	3300-001	Revenue-Town Aid
\$8,900.00	4310-451	PW-Road Repair	\$8,900.00	3300-001	Revenue-Town Aid
\$37,500.00			\$37,500.00		

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Personnel Report dated April 8, 2010 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 2010-2011 Board of Selectman budget

John Hodge noted that the BOS met and made some further reductions to the proposed budget for 2010-2011. The proposed budget for 2010-2011 is reduced from last year by \$2,463 which is a reduction of .003%.

The entire BOS thanked Jay Waterman and the entire Finance Department for all their hard work with the budget. The BOF is having a budget workshop on Monday, April 12th at 7:00pm in the High School library and the final mark-up will be on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

Public Comment

Tom Corbett, Ron Oliveri and Don Blackwell spoke further about the Parks and Recreation settlement.

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

Monika Thiel asked that there be a discussion of the Fund accounts for the Parks and Recreation department at a future meeting.

First Selectman John Hodge thanked the many people for all the help and good wishes that he and his family received during his recent illness.

Addition to the agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add agenda item #9A "Revote on item #4- Approval of minutes for March 25, 2010 and April 1, 2010. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

The minutes were voted on again since the question was called during the vote for the previous motion and was inadvertently not voted on at that time.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2010 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD
FISCAL 2009-2010
Additional Appropriation - Town Meeting Required

<u>\$'S</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>\$'S</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>REASON:</u>
18,600.00	4310-423 PW - Contracted Services	18,600.00	3300-001 Revenue - Town Aid	<i>Due to outsourcing of custodial services.</i>
10,000.00	4310-742 PW - Truck & Equip. M&R	10,000.00	3300-001 Revenue - Town Aid	<i>Due to increased occurrences of vehicle maintenance & repairs</i>
8,900.00	4310-451 PW - Road Repair	8,900.00	3300-001 Revenue - Town Aid	<i>Due to unexpected winter season damage</i>
37,500.00		37,500.00		

To be submitted at the BOS meeting on 4/8/2010
To be submitted at the BOF meeting on 4/12/2010
To be submitted at a Town meeting