

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2010
7:30 PM
Community Room

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman

Members not present:

Monika Thiel, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Al Mardis, BOF member
Bob Rzasa, Director of Public Works
Sean Loughran, Parks and Rec Chairman

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 spoke of the Census and noted that people who exclusively have P.O. Boxes were not getting the Census information. Mr. Hodge asked anyone who hasn't received the information to call the Census Bureau at (203) 721-8250.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that he received an e-mail from the State Department of Transportation noting that the state has agreed to put in a blinking light at the intersection of Beaver Bog Road and Route 37 at their expense.

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that there will be a "farewell" party for Former Selectman Ron Oliveri on Sunday, May 16th from 5pm to 8pm at Company A Firehouse and there will be a retirement party for Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Castagnola on Monday, June 7th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the Amber Room.

Public Comment- None

Addition to the Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add Item 4A "Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of the special meeting of April 7, 2010" and Item 4B "Presentation from Cardinal Engineering with regard to the East Lake Brook." Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approve Minutes of Board of Selectmen's Meetings of April 7th, April 8th and April 19th

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2010 special meeting, the April 8, 2010 regular meeting and the April 19, 2010 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation from Cardinal Engineering with regard to East Lake Brook

Representatives from Cardinal Engineering gave a presentation which described the preliminary design for the storm drainage for Smoke Hill Drive, Old Farm Road, Williams Road and Indian Hill Road. The roads will be closed during this construction and detours will be set up. It is estimated that the total project will take about 10-12 months. Members of the public asked questions of Cardinal Engineering regarding this project.

Appointments- None

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated April 22, 2010 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers- None

Discussion of Parks and Recreation Department Financial Reporting

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Sean Loughran spoke of the self sustaining 205 Account for the Parks and Rec Department. Mr. Loughran spoke of the controls of this account and how it is operated. First Selectman John Hodge and Selectman Susan Chapman thanked the entire Parks and Recreation Commission for doing such a great job.

New Fairfield Volunteer Fireman Tax Abatement Appeal

John Hodge made a motion to approve the tax abatement appeal for a New Fairfield firefighter and authorize the tax collector to credit the \$400 tax abatement. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to accept a gift of a patio table for the Senior Center

Susan Chapman made a motion to accept with gratitude the donation of a patio table worth \$2,263.78 for the Senior Center. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectman John Hodge thanked Mr. Walter Epler for this donation and his many other contributions to the town.

Vote to set Town Meeting Date

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 is to be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5:00pm in the Conference Room of the New Fairfield Town Hall for the following purpose.

1. To consider and act upon the adoption of an amendment to the New Fairfield Code of Ordinances to establish a Trust Fund for Town's retiree health care plan in accordance with CGS 7-450

A copy of the ordinance is filed in the Office of the Town Clerk for public inspection.

Dated at New Fairfield this 22nd date of April 2010

Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Resident Phil Nelson asked about the new internal controls for the collecting fees for the Parks and Recreation Department. First Selectman John Hodge noted that procedures have been tightened in many departments and there will be new procedures in place for collecting cash.

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

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)