

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 12, 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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**State of the Town**

First Selectman John Hodge gave the annual “State of the Town” address and spoke of the many good things that have been happening in town. Mr. Hodge spoke of the financial well being of the town and spoke of the AAA rating. Mr. Hodge further spoke of many capital improvements and additions to the town. First Selectman Hodge thanked everyone involved in the many projects for their hard work and encouraged residents to get involved in their town.

**Correspondence and Announcements**

First Selectman John Hodge announced that the Town Meeting to accept High Winds Road has been postponed to will be rescheduled in the near future.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that there will be E-Waste Disposal Day on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> for old electronic equipment. This equipment can be disposed free of charge.

**Public Comment**

Resident Jim Mellett praised out-going State Representative Mary Ann Carson and suggested naming the Senior Center for her.

Resident Richard Rossitti spoke in praise of the Dog Park.

Fire Chief Ed McCue spoke of two recent incidents on Candlewood Lake involving injuries from people falling off “Chicken Rock”. Chief McCue asked boaters to please slow down if they see an emergency situation because the speed of surrounding boats could impede the rescue.

Al Mardis spoke of the Park and Rec embezzlement case and spoke in favor of the way the BOS handled the situation.

Don Blackwell, Karen Chance, Kim Hanson and Chris Gould spoke of the “State of the Town” address and thanked the BOS and everyone involved in the town.

**Approval of Minutes**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2010 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

There was a discussion of what exactly was said at end of the June 24<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting and the outcome of the vote to adjourn the meeting.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfers**

John Hodge made a motion transfer \$7500 from the A/C Unit Installation at the Annex to replacement of the A/C Unit at Town Hall also in the amount of \$7500. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting Required) 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 #	
\$7,228.40	301-4220-7	Cap & Non	\$7,228.40	301-4340-7	Cap & Non-Fire Companies
		Town Properties			
<b>\$7,228.40</b>			<b>\$7,228.40</b>		

**Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Tom Bulger to the Permanent Building Committee. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Selectman Susan Chapman as an alternate to HRRA (Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority). Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

### **Update on Radio Communications System**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the contract and the process for the Radio Communications System and noted that the contract has been sent to Marcus Communications by the Town Attorney and it is expected that it will be signed in the near future. Mr. Hodge will keep the board updated on the situation. Mr. Hodge noted that the contract will be very specific especially regarding the guaranteed coverage.

### **Personnel Report**

John Hodge made a motion to accept the Personnel Report dated August 12, 2010 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

### **Change in agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to move agenda item #12 (Public Comment) to item #10A before Executive Session. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

### **Public Comment**

Danbury Hospital Paramedic Supervisor Jim Stead announced that AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) will be installed in the municipals buildings, schools and athletic fields. Training of the municipal employees in AED and CPR has begun. Selectman Thiel asked about venues for CPR training for residents of New Fairfield.

First Selectman Hodge thanked Mr. Stead for all his hard work in getting this accomplished and noted that there will be a brief ceremony at the Senior Center on August 20<sup>th</sup> regarding this.

Jim Mellett suggested that the board upgrade its tape recorder.

Catia Klick spoke of the meeting of June 24<sup>th</sup> and the adjournment motion.

Kim Hanson spoke of “minutes” of meetings.

### **Executive Session**

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:31pm for the purpose of discussing the Police Union Contract. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:39pm. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

John Hodge made a motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize the first selectman to sign the Police Department Union Contract as discussed in Executive Session. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

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

Selectman Susan Chapman reminded residents of the Drive-In movies at Squantz Pond. *G-Force* will be held on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and *Up* will be held on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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