

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting**  
**Monday, August 30, 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  
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman  
Robert Klick, BOF Member  
Jane Landers, BOF Member  
Al Mardis, BOF Member  
Tom Wahlig, BOF Member  
Mike Gill, HRRRA

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

First Selectman Hodge read a letter that he received from MCCA thanking the town for the \$5,000 donation that was sent from the sober house zoning violations fine.

First Selectman Hodge noted that New Fairfield is now officially a “Heart Safe” Community.

First Selectman Hodge noted that school will be opening this week and reminded everyone to drive safely.

First Selectman Hodge reminded residents to lock the doors of their homes and cars.

Selectman Thiel read a letter from some of the parents of the swim team regarding the swim docks at the Town Park. First Selectman Hodge noted that he would like to have a discussion regarding this issue and will put it on the agenda for the Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting. The letter will be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that there will be a Natural Disaster Mitigation meeting on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Public Comment**

Resident Jim Mellett asked about a business plan for the Historic Houses.

Mike Gill from HRRRA (Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority) noted that there will be a “WE Recycle” day on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the parking lot of the Senior Center from 9am to 1pm. Up to

7 electronic items per car can be recycled. Electronics accepted will be computers, laptops, TVs, scanners, monitors, printers, fax machines, etc. Mr. Gill asked that no home appliances be brought.

Mr. Gill further noted that Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> will be Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Danbury Public Works facility at 53A Newtown Road from 9am to 2pm. Items collected at this event include paint, varnishes, paint strippers, etc.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Historic Houses have been rented to Preserve New Fairfield, Inc. and it is up to them to devise a business plan. Mr. Hodge also noted that there is a fire line already in place at the Historic Houses.

**Approval of Minutes**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

**Agenda Items**

John Hodge made a motion to switch agenda item #6 (Budget Transfers) with agenda item #7 (Discuss and possibly vote on \$200,000 surplus to Williams Road Bridge). Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion and vote to apply 2009/2010 surplus to Williams Road Bridge project**

First Selectman Hodge noted that the town has approximately \$750,000 in budget surplus from the 2009/2010 fiscal year. Mr. Hodge spoke of using \$250,000 towards the Williams Road bridge project. Bridges on Smoke Hill and Old Farm Roads are already scheduled to be done and the contractor has agreed to extend the contract to October 1, 2010 and give the same price for the Williams Road Bridge. The price for the Williams Road project would be approximately \$266,000. There was a discussion of whether \$200,000 or \$250,000 of the surplus should be used for this project. The use of the surplus must be approved by the BOF and also approved at a Town Meeting.

Susan Chapman made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting an Additional Appropriation of \$250,000 from the 2009/2010 budget surplus for the Williams Road Bridge project pending BOF approval. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfers**

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$22,744.33. 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 #	
\$2,818.80	4215-110	Comm. Center-Salaries	\$22,744.33	4160-140	Unclass. P & B Salary Adj.
\$5,711.47	4210-110	Police-Salaries-Officers			
\$14,214.06	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries			
<b>\$22,744.33</b>			<b>\$22,744.33</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000.00 (Town Meeting Required) from the 2009/2010 budget surplus. 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 #	
\$250,000.00	301-4330-742-1	Cap & Non-Bridge and Drainage	\$250,000.00	Town Expenditure Surplus	Appropriation of surplus funds to Capital and Non-Recurring Fund.
<b>\$250,000.00</b>			<b>\$250,000.00</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$7,228.40 (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 Town Properties	\$7,228.40	301-4340-7	Cap & Non-Fire Companies
<b>\$7,228.40</b>			<b>\$7,228.40</b>		

John Hodge made a motion to make a transfer from the Town Properties Capital Budget in the amount of \$27,234.91 for a Mobile Generator (\$23,234.91) and Carpentry/Paint Repairs Town Hall (\$4,000.00). 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)**

**Discussion and vote to set Town Meeting date**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**WARNING**

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room @ 33 Route 37 for the following purposes to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon an authorization to apply \$250,000 surplus (from the FY ending 6/30/2010) as an additional appropriation to Cap & Non-Bridge & Drainage project. .
2. To consider and take action upon a resolution for an additional appropriation from Cap & Non-Fire Companies to Cap & Non-Town Properties in the amount of \$7,228.40 for Town Hall Air Conditioning replacement.

**Public Comment**- None

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

It was decided that there will be a discussion of the swim docks at the Town beach at the next meeting.

Selectman Monika Thiel noted that the selectmen attended the “Back to School Convocation” today and reminded everyone to drive safely now that school has started.

**Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos

**TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD**  
**FISCAL 2010-2011**  
**Inter-Department Transfer**

<u>\$S</u>		<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>		<u>\$S</u>		<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>		<u>REASON:</u>	
2,818.80	4215-110	Comm. Center - Salaries		22,744.33	4160-140	Unclass. P&B - Salary Adj.			
5,711.47	4210-110	Police - Salaries-Officers							Due to the finalization of salary increases for various unions
14,214.06	4310-110	Public Works - Salaries							
<b>22,744.33</b>				<b>22,744.33</b>					

*To be submitted at the BOS meeting on 8/30/10*  
*To be submitted at the BOF meeting on 9/15/10*

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>
250,000.00	301-4330-742-1 Cap & Non-Bridge & Drainage	250,000.00	Town Expenditures Surplus	Appropriation of surplus funds to Capital and Non-Recurring Fund
250,000.00		250,000.00		

Approved at the BOS meeting on 8/30/2010  
 Approved at the BOF meeting on 8/30/2010  
 To be submitted at a Town meeting on 9/8/10

**TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD**

**FISCAL 2010-2011**

**Additional Appropriation - Town Meeting Required**

REASON:

TRANSFER FROM:

\$'S

TRANSFER TO:

<u>\$'S</u>	<u>TRANSFER TO:</u>	<u>\$'S</u>	<u>TRANSFER FROM:</u>	<u>REASON:</u>
7,228.40	301-4220-7 Cap & Non-Town Properties	7,228.40	301-4340-7 Cap & Non-Fire Companies	For Town Hall AC Replacement
<b>7,228.40</b>		<b>7,228.40</b>		

Approved at the BOS meeting on 8/12/10  
 Approved at the BOF meeting on 8/18/10  
 To be submitted at a Town meeting

# TOWN PROPERTIES CAPITAL BUDGET

	Building		Carpentry/ Paint Repairs		Town		Public		Tech		Library-		Repl A/C		Install	
	Repair	Reserve	Mobile Generator	Town Hall	Hall Painting	Hall Flooring	Mezzanine	Works	Upgrade Fin/HR	Update Phones	Units Town Hall	AC Units in Annex	Total			
Carryover	22,990.89				250.00	10,000.00	197.25		27,893.51	3,219.00	8,121.60	20,000.00	92,672.25			
Current Year	50,000.00												50,000.00			
<b>Transfers</b>																
BOS Meeting 8/12/10																
BOS Meeting 8/30/10	(27,234.91)		23,234.91	4,000.00												
<b>Expenditures</b>																
PO #22373 - Summit HVAC																
PO #22374 - Summit HVAC														(6,855.00)		(6,855.00)
<u>Encumbered</u>																
PO #17669 - Sungard Pent.									(21,432.36)							(21,432.36)
PO #21981 - The Carpet Fair																(9,500.00)
PO #22373 - Summit HVAC														(15,995.00)		(15,995.00)
PO #22374 - Summit HVAC															(8,750.00)	(8,750.00)
<b>Balance</b>	45,755.98		23,234.91	4,000.00	250.00	500.00	197.25		6,461.15	3,219.00	(7,228.40)					76,389.89



Stacey Grasso  
56 Shortwoods Road  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

August 11, 2010

Mr. John Hodge, First Selectman  
Ms. Susan Lee Chapman, Selectman  
Mrs. Monika Thiel, Selectman  
Town of New Fairfield  
4 Brush Hill Road  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Dear Mr. Hodge, Ms. Chapman, and Ms. Thiel:

I am reaching out to you as a lifelong resident and a concerned parent to ask for your help with regard to our Blue Raiders summer swim program. My children have had the privilege of being a part of this team for the past three summers, and have benefitted tremendously as a result of the watchful eye and 31 cumulative years of expertise our Coach, Kathy Shea, has to offer. And I know that I speak, collectively, for all of the families of this summer's 141 swimmers when I say that we would like to see this program continue under the direction of Ms. Shea for many years to come.

That said, I would like to bring to your attention several troubling issues experienced this summer that, as a group, we feel have the potential to greatly affect the future of our fabulous Blue Raiders swim program:

The new swim docks weren't delivered until three weeks into this summer's swim very short, seven-week season; during which time the onus was on Coach Shea to keep 141 swimmers busy and safe, despite the fact that we didn't have the proper equipment available. In addition, pursuant to Kathy's wishes, the swim parents kept their disappointment to themselves rather than taking issue with Town Hall and/or the Park and Rec Department for the failure to have had these docks ordered and properly installed in time for our June start. Further, it seems we are still waiting for repairs/adjustments to the docks to ensure the safety of our children and those who visit New Fairfield during swim meets. (As a temporary fix, foam noodles are stuffed into the gaps to keep little feet from getting caught between the docks. The lane lines are not attached properly and hang too high. And there are daily reports of cuts from the new lines.)

In closing, I think it's important to note that, not only does Kathy Shea know the names of each of the 141 participants on her swim team, but she is superbly aware of each child's progress and abilities. Kathy has been a permanent fixture at the Town Park – one that we have come to depend upon - for more summers than I can count. As you are probably aware, she invests countless hours teaching swim, developing and supervising her phenomenal support staff, organizing and planning swim meets throughout the season, as well as taking an active role in the organization of regional championships. The loss of Coach Shea would be a devastating blow to this town. Therefore, with the future of this wonderful swim program, the well being and happiness of our children, and the integrity of the Town hanging in the balance, we ask for your help in making this right.

Respectfully Yours,



Stacey Grasso

And the parents of the Blue Raiders swim team

1. Susan Stark
2. Voltski
3. Sullivan Benson
4. Susan LeDuc
5. Nancy Smith
6. Lisa Meyer
7. Christine C Riter
8. Stephanie Kerstry
9. J. Konnussen Applebee
10. Jeff D
11. Sibby Brown
12. Queta Beyley
13. Rita M. Bacon

14. Frank + Jacqueline Mairan
15. Jeffery J

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14. Loren Lazarus
15. Marc A. Edgerton
16. Hilgi Ann Flaherty
17. Veronica McAllister
18. Aine McDonnell
19. Monika Thiel
20. Jeffery Grayson
21. ~~Donna~~
22. Lisa Coughlin
23. Deborah K. (Kavanaugh)
24. B. C. C.
25. W. K. K.
26. Tamtha Snyder
27. Stephen Snyder
28. Andrea S. White
29. Lynn Fordale
30. Steve Farrell (SS)
31. Jeannmarie Farrell (SS)
32. Sue Snyder (SS)
33. Sean Snyder (SS)
34. Barbara Kulp (SS)

35. Scott Bronne
36. Kimbeely Santoro
37. Maiano
38. Lisa Joyal
39. Maureen Kenny
40. Robert A Key.
41. Kate Martinson
42. Richard FMA
43. Sandy Delle (SG)
44. Don Delle (SG)
45. Doreen Rakowsky (SG)
46. Andrew Rakowsky (SG)
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