

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 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
Steve Merullo, Director of Buildings and Grounds

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 there will be a ceremony commemorating the events of September 11, 2001 on Saturday, Sept. 11th at 11:00am outside of the Senior Center. If it is raining it will be held in the Community Room. Mr. Hodge encouraged all citizens to attend this ceremony.

First Selectman Hodge read a Proclamation announcing that September 2010 is Leukemia, Lymphoma and Melanoma Awareness month.

Public Comment

Robert Klick spoke of the school construction project and the condition of Meeting House Hill School during the construction. First Selectman Hodge noted that the building project falls under the purview of the Board of Education and asked Mr. Klick to forward his concerns to the BOE and the Superintendent of Schools.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2010 special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation by Wiggins Family regarding "Building Bridges"

Janice Wiggins spoke of a program called "Building Bridges" which is designed to show diversity and teach both adults and children about different cultures and beliefs in New Fairfield. Mrs. Wiggins spoke of the Multi-cultural fair held at the High School on May 15th and explained the many activities and events that were held. Over 400 people attended this event and it is hopeful that it will be more in the future.

First Selectman Hodge noted that he and Selectman Chapman attended this event and was very impressed. Mr. Hodge noted that he would like to see it grow from year to year and spoke of the town giving money to this event.

Agenda Items

John Hodge made a motion to move agenda item #9 (Budget Transfers) to item #6A. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00 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 #	
\$10,000.00	4440-350-12	Social Services.-Building Bridges	\$10,000.00	4195-620-5	Utilities-Fuel Oil
\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		

Discussion of Town Beach Waterfront

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the swim docks at the Town Beach in response to a letter that was read at the Selectman’s meeting on August 30th. Mr. Hodge gave information and spoke of the timeline of the installation of the docks. Director of Buildings and Grounds Steve Merullo also spoke of the docks and the time frame. It was noted that at no time during the summer were any of the children and/or adults on the swim docks not safe.

Vote to authorize the first selectman to sign Regional Homeland Security Grant

John Hodge made a motion to approve the resolution that says “be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and further resolved, that John Hodge, First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. The undersigned further certifies that John Hodge now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 22, 2005”. 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 September 7, 2010 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to set a Town Meeting date to establish a Town Ordinance for Pension Trustee Board

It was decided to table this item until the next BOS meeting of September 23rd.

Public Comment

Mike Gill from HRRA reminded residents that there will be an E-Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, September 18th from 9am to 1pm at the Senior Center parking lot and there will be a Household Hazardous Waste collection day on Saturday, September 25th from 9am to 2pm at the Danbury Town Garage.

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

Selectman Monika Thiel spoke of the school building projects and requested an update regarding the status of the project and the financial statements involved. First Selectman Hodge noted that there was a status update of the building projects at the BOE meeting on September 2nd and she was also welcome to go to a Permanent Building Committee meeting for information. BOE Chairman Kim Hanson noted that an update was given by the Architect and the Construction Manager at the September 2nd BOE meeting. This meeting is currently playing on Channel 17.

There was a discussion among the selectmen about the school building projects and the role that the BOS has in the project.

Adjournment

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos