

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010**  
**6:00 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  
Al Mardis, BOF member

**Call To Order** First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

First Selectman Hodge noted that the BOS voted a couple of months ago to support a group under the auspices of the New Fairfield Youth Commission called "Rebels Care" that would do renovations and clean-up projects for residents in town free of charge. Mr. Hodge noted that a subgroup has broken off from this group and formed their own group called "Rebels Care LLC". Mr. Hodge noted that he wanted to make sure that residents using this service make sure that they are affiliated specifically with Rebels Care from the Youth Commission. Insurance and waivers of liability through the town will only be available through the Youth Commission sponsored "Rebels Care"

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfers**

John Hodge spoke of a transfer from the Building Repair Reserve fund and spoke of capital improvements to Town Hall. Mr. Hodge noted that additional electrical wiring was needed because of an emergency generator system put in Town Hall and additional repairs were needed to fix some rotting that was under some of the siding.

John Hodge made a motion to transfer \$4,722.00 from the Building Repair Reserve fund for Town Hall lighting and additional lighting also in the amount of \$4,722.00. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Monika Thiel made a motion to move the Intra-Departmental transfer to agenda item #14. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

### **Appointments**

Selectman Monika Thiel read a list of vacancies for boards of commissions in town.

John Hodge made a motion to approve various appointments as presented in a document entitled "appointments" dated November 17, 2010 and attached to the minutes of this meeting. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

### **Personnel Report**

John Hodge made a motion to accept the personnel report as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

First Selectman Hodge noted that a part-time temporary project manager will be hired for the Emergency Radio Communications project. Mr. Hodge noted that an employee is hired in this position instead of an Independent Contractor because Motorola will only indemnify an employee of the town and not an agent.

### **Vote to authorize the first selectman to sign the Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance Abuse Grant**

John Hodge made that the BOS authorize the first selectman to sign the Housatonic Valley Coalition Against Substance abuse grant in the amount of \$3,105. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

### **Vote to authorize the first selectman to sign an amendment to the Resident Trooper contract**

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the State Trooper contract and the policy regarding overtime. Since the town is down one local police officer the state police have been covering shifts as needed. Under this contract the town is responsible for 70% of the compensation. By hiring one additional state trooper on a temporary basis, the town will be able to continue this 70% compensation policy. This state trooper will be kept on until a local police officer can be hired.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS authorize the first selectman to sign an amendment to the State Trooper contract authorizing the town to hire one additional state trooper on a

temporary basis until such time as the town can hire a police officer. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Vote to approve Town Warning**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Warning: Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings to be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room @ 33 Route 37 for the following purpose to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon approval to withdraw \$180,000 from Fee in Lieu of Open Space Funds to purchase the Keeler Property on Pine Hill Road and to accept the DEP Open Space Matching Grant in the same amount.
2. To consider and take action upon the adoption of an ordinance establishing a Pension Trust Committee. (A copy of such ordinance is on file in the office of the Town Clerk)

Dated at New Fairfield, Connecticut this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010.

Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Monika Thiel asked about the formation and checks and balances of the Pension Committee and the Fee in Lieu of Open Space Funds and whether or not this issue needs to be brought to the BOF.

**2011 BOS Meeting Calendar**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the 2011 BOS meeting calendar as presented. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfer**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Candlewood Lake Drawdown study. 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	4161-334	Profess. Serv.-Consulting	\$10,000.00	4161-332-8	Profess. Serv. Legal ZBA
<b>\$10,000.00</b>			<b>\$10,000.00</b>		

**Vote to approve proposal for Candlewood Lake study**

John Hodge spoke of a proposal prepared by George Knockline of Northeast Aquatic Research and noted that the price of \$32,230 for Phase I was very high. Mr. Hodge approached Mr. Knockline regarding the price and received a revised proposal from Mr. Knockline with an adjusted price \$17,760 for Phase I. Mr. Hodge noted that he approached First Light Power and Club A about possibly donating money towards this study that he will spend the winter months going to towns surrounding Candlewood Lake to ask them to also donate towards the study of the lake.

First Selectman Hodge thanked Alex Messerle for all his hard work with the study of the lake.

Monika Thiel made a motion to approve the proposal of the Candlewood Lake study dated November 13, 2010 prepared by Northeast Aquatic Research, LLC. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

**Public Comment-** Tom Corbett spoke of the Candlewood Lake study and the agenda for tonight's meeting.

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

**Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos



# TOWN PROPERTIES CAPITAL BUDGET

	Building Repair Reserve	Town Hall Lighting & Add'l Items	Mobile Generator	Carpentry/ Paint Repairs Town Hall	Town Hall Painting	Town Hall Flooring	Public Works Mezzanine	Tech Upgrade Fin/HR	Library- Update Phones	Repl A/C Units Town Hall	Install AC Units in Annex	Total
Carryover	50,000.00						197.25	27,893.51				50,000.00
Transfers												
BOS Meeting 8/12/10												
BOS Meeting 8/30/10	(27,234.91)		23,234.91	4,000.00						7,500.00	(7,500.00)	-
Town Meeting 9/8/10										7,228.40		7,228.40
BOS Meeting 10/28/10	(10,000.00)		10,000.00									-
BOS Meeting 11/17/10	(4,722.00)	4,722.00										-
Expenditures												
PO #22373 - Summit HVAC												
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PO #17669 - Sungard Pent.												
PO #22417 - The News-Times			(159.61)									(159.61)
PO #21981 - The Carpet Fair												(9,684.85)
PO #22430 - Dave Mahoney												(875.00)
PO #22431 - Dave Mahoney												(3,125.00)
JE #103 - Pavilion Expenditure - Per BOS 10/28	(1,980.72)											(1,980.72)
Encumbered												
PO #17669 - Sungard Pent.								(20,432.36)				(20,432.36)
PO #22373 - Summit HVAC												
PO #22418 - Taylor Power Systems, Inc.			(23,075.30)							(15,995.00)		(15,995.00)
Balance	29,053.26	4,722.00	10,000.00	-	250.00	315.15	197.25	6,461.15	3,219.00	-	-	54,217.81

