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

MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010 7:30 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Members present:

Other Town Officials Present:

Susan Chapman, Selectman Monika Thiel, Selectman

Call To Order

Selectman Susan Chapman called the public hearing to order at 7:30pm. The purpose of this public hearing was to hear opinions regarding the lease renewal of the Hahlawah Gun & Rifle Club. Ms. Chapman noted that there will be a Town Meeting immediately following this public hearing to take action upon a proposed resolution to approve and expand the agreement with the Hahlawah Rifle and Pistol Club from five years to ten years and to consider and act upon a proposed resolution to renew the existing agreement.

Public Comment

Gun club President John Palmer and Gun club member Wes Marsh spoke in favor of the gun club. Mr. Marsh gave a brief history of the club and spoke of the hours of the club as well as the safety rules and regulations enforced by the club.

Warren Shomber spoke on behalf of homeowners in the neighboring area to the gun club and noted that he hoped a compromise could be made in regard to the gun club in terms of hours, days, etc.

Many members of the public spoke either for or against the gun club. Main topics of discussion were the noise level of the shooting, safety and hours of operation.

Adjournment

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Kloos