

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2011
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
Tom Quigley, BOF Alternate

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Hodge noted that the Connecticut State Police Department is accepting applications for the "Citizen's Police Academy". Anyone looking for more information can call the Selectman's office.

First Selectman Hodge noted that there were two winners from New Fairfield in the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority Poster contest. Winners will be presented at a BOS meeting in the near future.

First Selectman Hodge noted that the town went back to Standard and Poor's since they were bonding for the school building project. Standard and Poor's has renewed the AAA bond rating for the Town of New Fairfield. Mr. Hodge thanked the town employees, the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen for all their hard work in achieving and maintaining this AAA rating.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated March 24, 2011 with items listed as items #1-9. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report (con't)

John Hodge made a motion to approve Personnel Report items #1-2 with contingency of valid CPR and First Aid certification. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Tom Quigley to the Inland/Wetlands Commission. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to approve a transfer from Town Properties Capital in the amount of \$4,386.00 for the purpose of putting in a well pump at the Police Station. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign budget stabilization program between CIRMA and the Town of New Fairfield

First Selectman Hodge noted that the BOS voted at the last meeting to accept a three-year rate lock with CIRMA for liability and workman's compensation for the town. Since the last meeting it was noted that workman's compensation was not included in this rate lock. CIRMA did however; offer the rate lock for the Board of Education. The town's annual premium for this is \$89,947.00

John Hodge made a motion that the First Selectman be authorized to sign a letter of commitment for budget stabilization between the Town of New Fairfield and CIRMA as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign application for Generator Grant

First Selectman Hodge noted that the town received a grant for a generator and was able to get a 300 kilowatt mobile generator for the Community Room at 33 Route 37. The town received notice that the town can apply for this grant with the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. It was noted that if the town does not get this grant, they may be in line to get it next year.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to approve the application for a grant with the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for purposes of buying a 300 kilowatt portable generator. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Vote to approve Small Cities award

First Selectman Hodge spoke of a homeowner in New Fairfield that would like to apply for a Small Cities award in order to fix their failing septic. Mr. Hodge explained the specifics of this homeowner and spoke of the procedure for obtaining a Small Cities grant.

Vote to approve Small Cities award (con't)

Monika Thiel made a motion to approve the eligibility for Small Cities Award for a New Fairfield homeowner. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to add agenda item #11A “Vote on acceptance of gift of Summit Heating & Air Conditioning”

John Hodge made a motion to add agenda item #11A “Vote on acceptance of gift from Summit Heating & Air Conditioning”. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to accept donation

First Selectman Hodge noted that he received a letter from Summit Heating and Air Conditioning offering to donate labor and equipment for air conditioning for the Community Room at Route 37. There was a brief discussion of this donation.

John Hodge made a motion to accept a donation of equipment for air conditioning for the Community Room at 33 Route 37 with a value of \$4996.00 from Summit Heating and Air Conditioning and Heating. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Discuss State Police Contract

First Selectman Hodge noted that the State Police contract is about to be renewed and asked the other two Selectmen to take a look at it and ask questions before the next meeting.

Public Comment

Greg Moore spoke of the donation of the air conditioning donation, historic buildings and the town beach.

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Adjournment

Monika Thiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Needs work on septic and siding
Is classified as EXTREMELY LOW income, by HUD standards
Husband is recovering from cancer

Mortgage is held by the same company, although the company has changed names
Previously in foreclosure
Currently has a loan modification agreement dated January 19, 2011
with a monthly payment of \$ 1,026.98

Deposits displayed on bank statements provided by Kronen

November 2010	\$ 3,016.00	
December 2010	\$ 3,757.63	
January 2011	\$ 3,200.00	
	\$ 9,973.63	Total Income for 3 months
	\$ 3,324.54	Average monthly income
	\$ 39,894.52	Approximate Annual Income

Mortgage is about 31% of her monthly income