

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 14, 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  
Dr. Lisa Low-Grant Administrator  
Kelly Ferris, Parks & Recreation Program Director  
Mike Gill, HRRRA  
Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA

**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 noted that the town got approval from FEMA for a bridge to connect the Senior Center with the Historic Houses. It is hopeful that the bridge will be in place by this summer.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that CIRMA has locked in the town's rates and also will be doing an equity distribution and in this case the town will get a \$26,805 refund from CIRMA.

**Public Comment**

Jim McAllister, Chairman of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative noted that there will be a "Soil Testing Day" this Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 3:00pm at the New Fairfield Stop & Shop and the IGA in Sherman. All residents are welcome. This test would allow homeowners to find out how much and what type of fertilization is necessary for their soil. More information is available in the April 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Citizen News* and at [Candlewoodlakeauthority.org](http://Candlewoodlakeauthority.org).

Mr. McAllister thanked First Selectman John Hodge for all his hard work with trying to combat the threat of invasive species Zebra Mussel.

**Approval of Minutes**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2011 special meeting and the March 24, 2011 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

### **Presentation of Poster Winners**

Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of a presentation she attended earlier in the day for regional winners for the HRRA poster contest.

Mike Gill and Cheryl Reedy from HRRA and Kelly Ferris from New Fairfield Parks and Recreation presented prizes to the local winners of the poster contest. This contest consisted of grades K-12 and the prizes were piggy banks made from recycled yellow pages.

### **Personnel Report**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

### **Budget transfers-** None

### **Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint James Cuna to the Permanent Building Committee. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Susan Chapman made a motion to appoint Diane Samples to the Youth Commission. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

### **Vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign the State Police contract**

There was a brief discussion of the State Police contract and it was decided to wait until the next regular BOS meeting to approve this contract until more information is received especially regarding overtime.

Monika Thiel made a motion to table the authorization for the First Selectman to sign the State Police contract until the next regular BOS meeting of April 28<sup>th</sup>. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

### **Vote to authorize the First Selectman to file the Small Cities application in the amount of \$300,000**

Grant Administrator Dr. Lisa Low spoke of the Small Cities grant that provides low income homeowners with interest free loans in order to do improvement to their homes. These loans are paid back once the home changes hands. A public hearing was held immediately before this meeting and there was public support for this program.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Public Law 93-3-83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of New Fairfield make application to the State for \$300,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of New Fairfield is an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby approved, and that John Hodge, First Selectman, is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, and to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of New Fairfield.

Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Vote to designate Hudson City Savings Bank as a depository for the Town of New Fairfield**

First Selectman Hodge noted that the Town Treasurer Phil Cammarano has found a favorable interest rate for town funds with Hudson City Savings Bank. Banks must be preapproved with the town.

John Hodge made a motion to that pursuant to Section 7-402B of the Connecticut General Statutes the BOS hereby authorizes Hudson City Savings Bank to become a qualified depository for the Town of New Fairfield. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Set date for annual Town Meeting**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Warning and to set a date for the annual Town Meeting:

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at an Annual Town Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room @ 33 Route 37 for the following purposes.

1. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Town Government expenditures totaling \$9,265,827 from the General Fund, and \$360,000 from the Capital and Non-recurring Fund, and \$851,811 from other governmental funds as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.
2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Education expenditures totaling \$37,926,750 from the General fund and \$143,000 from the Capital and Non-recurring Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Further notice is hereby given the Board of Selectmen, acting pursuant to and in reliance on Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, has removed Items # 1 & # 2 for submission to the voters by machine vote and shall be no earlier than seven (7) days, and no later than fourteen (14) days after April 28, 2011 and further provided that such time shall be no less than the hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M.

Dated at New Fairfield, CT. this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011. John Hodge seconded the motion.  
**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment**- None

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

**Adjournment**

Monika Thiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.  
**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**