

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 12, 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
Mike Daood, Planning Commission Chairman

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 the budget for both the town and the Board of Education passed. Mr. Hodge noted that this was the sixth year in a row that the budget passed on the first try.

First Selectman Hodge noted that the Parks and Recreation schedule for the summer is now available at Town Hall and will be available on-line.

First Selectman Hodge noted that there will be a "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day" on Saturday, May 21st from 9am to 2pm at the Newtown Public Works garage at 4 Turkey Hill Road in Newtown. This service is free of charge and more information can be found on either the town website or the HERRA website.

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that there is free e-recycling at the drop-off center anytime that the drop-off center is open.

Selectman Monika Thiel noted that "Building Bridges" held at the high school on April 30th was a big success.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation of Plan of Development and Conservation

Planning Commission Chairman Mike Daood spoke of the Plan of Conservation and Development for New Fairfield that must be done every ten years. Mr. Daood spoke of the future growth of New Fairfield and noted that the Planning Commission is in the process of getting feedback from all boards and commissions in town. The Plan of Conservation and Development that was done in 2003 is available on the town’s website with an opportunity to give comments.

First Selectman Hodge thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work with this plan and noted that the plan done in 2003 was very expensive and thanked the Planning Commission for saving the town money.

Vote to authorize First Selectman to sign Open space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement

First Selectman Hodge spoke of a resolution that needs to be signed for property at the end of Pine Hill. This is a 50/50 grant in which the town will pay \$180,000 from the fee in lieu of open space fund and the state will contribute \$180,000 for a total purchase price of \$360,000.

John Hodge made a motion to resolve that John Hodge, First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of New Fairfield, an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire permanent interest in land known as the Keeler Property, New Fairfield, OSWA-405, and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

After a lengthy discussion, John Hodge made a motion to call the question on the above referenced motion. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote to call the question: 2-1-0 (Motion approved-Monika Thiel opposed)

Vote on original motion: 2-0-1 (Motion approved-Monika Thiel abstained)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report identified as document items #1-10 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report identified as the hiring of a substitute ZEO. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

There was a discussion about the need to hire a substitute Zoning Enforcement Officer and it was noted that this was for houses on Pine Island that don’t conform to zoning regulations.

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Mark Lamanna to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer. Monika Thiel seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

John Hodge made a motion to amend the previous motion to correct a typo in the account number for the ROV. Monika Thiel seconded the motion.

Vote to amend motion: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on motion as amended: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$3,000.00	4140-610	ROV-Materials and Supplies	\$3,000.00	4140-110	ROV-Salaries
\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00		

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Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$5,500.00	4160-140	Unclass. P & B Salary Adj.	\$5,500.00	4160-220	Unclass. P & B-Social Security
\$5,500.00			\$5,500.00		

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Susan Chapman seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 2-0-1 (Monika Thiel abstained)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$8,000.00	4310-610-1	PW-Build. & Grounds- M&S	\$8,000.00	4195-626	Utilities-Gasoline & Diesel
\$20,000.00	4310-742	PW-Truck & Equip. M&R	\$20,000.00	4195-620-5	Utilities-Town Prop. Fuel Oil
\$28,000.00			\$28,000.00		

John Hodge made a motion to make an Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting NOT Required). Susan Chapman seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

First Selectman Hodge noted that a line item can be increased one time up to \$20,000 without Town Meeting approval.

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$20,000.00	4310-451	Public Works- Road Repair	\$20,000.00	3400-14	Revenue-CIRMA Equity Dist.
\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00		

State Police Contract

First Selectman Hodge noted that one of the two outstanding issues regarding the State Police contract has been resolved. The issue of overtime for “special duties” still needs to be resolved. It was decided to table this item until the next regular BOS meeting.

Public Comment- None

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

The State Police contract and an update on the bridge by the Historic Houses will be discussed at the next BOS meeting.

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)