

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2012
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Don Blackwell, BOF Member

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 spoke of the lawsuit regarding the Emergency Radio Communications and noted that it was dismissed in its entirety.

Presentation by CL&P to Squantz Fire Company

Marty Coladarci from Connecticut Light and Power thanked the Squantz Fire Company for the use of the firehouse during the October snowstorm and presented the Fire Company with a check in the amount of \$5,000.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 regular meeting and the January 18, 2012 and the January 21, 2012 special meetings as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Issue

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35pm for an update on a Personnel Issue and to invite Attorney John Shay into the Executive Session. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:14pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Wild Turkey Estates

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the Wild Turkey Estates subdivisions. Mr. Hodge noted that the Planning Commission and the Town Engineer Tony Iadarola recommended a reduction in the bond for Wild Turkey Estates from \$131,050.08 to \$81,000. An additional \$7,000 needs to be added back to this for the fee in lieu of Open Space.

John Hodge made a motion to reduce the bond for Wild Turkey Estates from \$131,050.08 to \$88,000 (includes \$7,000 fee in lieu of Open Space). Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointment

First Selectman John Hodge noted that two people have applied to be appointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee and there is only one open spot. Mr. Hodge suggested that the Board of Selectmen get together with both of these people and make a decision at a future meeting.

Budget Transfers

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

<u>\$</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	
5,000.00	4310-610-1	Public Works-Buildings & Grounds	5,000.00	4310-610-3	Public Works-Snow Materials and Supplies
5,000.00			5,000.00		

Budget Discussions

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Board of Selectmen has been having several workshops regarding the 2012-2013 proposed budget. Selectman Mike Gill spoke of cuts that have been made so far. It was noted that the town budget has had either a 0% increase or a slight reduction for the past three years.

First Selectman Hodge announced that there is an addition to the state budget regarding property tax relief. This is a rebate on hotel tax and sales tax. It is estimated that New Fairfield will get an additional \$108,000 for the 2011-2012 fiscal year but will not be paid out until the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Addition to Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add item #11A “Personnel Report” to the agenda. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated January 26, 2012 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment- None

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

Mike Gill noted that there will be a Town Meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm to vote to reallocate some of the \$400,000 appropriation for storm damage from the October snowstorm to include costs from Tropical Storm Irene.

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)