

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 22, 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
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman
Linda Fox, Library Director
Margaret Golden, Ass't Library Director
JoAnn Yachulke, Children's Librarian
Gail Lehman, Library Board Chairman
Gail DeFeo, Library Board member
Janet Hansen, Library Board member
Laurie Landa, Library Board member
Steve Lazarus- Lazarus & Sargeant

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 special meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Mike Gill abstained)

Executive Session

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:34 pm and to invite Town Labor Counsel 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 8:05 pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion that the BOS consider the termination of the Director of Buildings and Grounds and Parks and Recreation. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved- First Selectman John Hodge recused himself and did not vote)

Library Project

Library Director Linda Fox spoke of the proposed renovations to the existing library and gave a power point presentation which included pictures of the existing library. Such renovations would include updating of lighting and air conditioning, and making the building ADA compliant. An elevator would need to be added and the bathrooms, doors and staircase would need to be improved. The renovations would include an update to the Program Room and the Community Room.

This project would be done in two phases with a cost of \$565,000 for the first Phase and \$390,000 for the second Phase. It was noted that the library would use money that they have accumulated as well as grants and donations to fund this project and will be done over two fiscal years.

Architect Steve Lazarus from the firm of Lazarus and Sargeant spoke of the project and noted the most important improvements needed.

John Hodge made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting an appropriation not to exceed \$300,000 from the capital and nonrecurring fund for the purpose of funding Phase I of the library renovation. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Library Board Chairman Gail Lehman thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support with this project. Anyone wishing to view the detailed estimate and plans can get a copy at the library or via the library's website.

It was decided that this project would be voted on at the same time as the budget referendum in May as a separate issue. It was noted that this money is coming out of the unappropriated capital and nonrecurring and will not increase taxes.

Gift from Friends of the Senior Center

Mike Gill made a motion to accept a gift in the amount of \$652.58 from the Friends of the Senior Center. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on Subordination for Housing Rehabilitation Application

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of homeowner in town looking to apply for a housing rehabilitation loan to repair his septic tank.

John Hodge made a motion to endorse the small cities grant not to exceed \$10,000 for the applicant stated in the document. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Proposed lease of Communications Tower at Tower Hill

First Selectman John Hodge noted that Suffolk Wireless is making a proposal to the Town of New Fairfield to have New Fairfield sign a lease with them and they will solicit on behalf of New Fairfield installation of cell facilities on the tower and New Fairfield will get a percentage of the lease. First Selectman Hodge noted that he spoke to approximately one-third of the references for this company.

It was decided among the Board of Selectmen that the town attorney should review this before any decisions are made.

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to accept the personnel report as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add agenda item 11A “Budget Transfer” to the agenda. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

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)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
10,000.00	4310-610-1	Public Works-B&G- M&S	10,000.00	4310-610-3	Public Works-Snow-M&S
10,000.00			10,000.00		

Public Comment- None

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

Selectman Mike Gill noted that he and Selectman Susan Chapman are working on developing a blight ordinance for the town and will have an update at the next BOS meeting.

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)