

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 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
Tom Quigley, BOF Member
Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Planning Commission Chairman
Mike Daood, Planning Commission Vice 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 spoke of a wonderful letter from resident Barbara Flynn thanking town employees Chris and Kevin at the Drop-off center. Mrs. Flynn accidentally threw her Social Security check in the garbage. Chris and Kevin went the extra mile and helped to find the check at the hauler.

First Selectman John Hodge thanked Dispatcher Gisele Russano for her assistance and quick thinking that helped apprehend burglars on April 4th.

First Selectman John Hodge noted that New Fairfield has been selected by the USDA to participate in a survey regarding food consumption and purchases in households in New Fairfield. A company called Mathematica will go door to door in the next couple of months to ask questions. Residents can decide if they want to participate or not.

Selectman Mike Gill noted that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, May 19th at the Newtown Public Works garage from 9am to 2pm. This is sponsored by the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority.

Selectman Mike Gill noted that he and Selectman Susan Chapman along with Health Director Tim Simpkins and Building Inspector Chris Baldwin met and started to put together a Blight Ordinance for the town.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Planning Commission presentation

Cynthia Ross-Zweig and Mike Daood from the Planning Commission gave a presentation regarding Open Space for a proposed subdivision for Barn Brook Estates. They showed maps of the proposed subdivision and the Open Space. The subdivision will consist of four houses. The amount of the Open Space is approximately 38 acres. First Selectman John Hodge noted that the Open Space should have easy open access for the public. It was noted that the New Fairfield Land Trust has an interest in this property. The Planning Commission is looking for a predetermination from the BOS for the Open Space and it was noted that this will eventually have to go to a Town Meeting. Tom Quigley suggested that the Planning Commission meet with the Inland/Wetlands Commission to discuss the Open Space.

Cynthia Ross-Zweig spoke of a bid for the Plan of Conservation and Development that needs to be completed by 2013 and noted the Planning Commission would like to meet with the BOS to discuss.

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	
29,000.00	4310-451	Public Works-Road Repair	29,000.00	4310-610-3	Public Works-Snow-M&S
18.26	4155-610	BOAA- M & S	18.26	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salaries
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Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Cindy White as the town’s representative to the Northwest Regional Mental Health Board. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

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

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Authorize the First Selectman to sign site lease agreement

First Selectman John Hodge noted that there was a company that would like to lease/manage the cell tower at Tower Hill in Patterson, NY. Selectman Mike Gill suggested that this be sent out for an RFQ to give everyone an opportunity to bid.

Vote to set Town Meeting date

John Hodge made a motion to accept the following Warning:

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 Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:30 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 \$9,571,091.00 from the General Fund, and \$ 628,857.00 from the Capital and Non- recurring Fund and \$811,796.00 from other governmental funds as recommended by the Board of Finance, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.
2. To consider and act upon the appropriation of Education expenditures totaling \$39,236,394.00 From the General Fund , as recommended by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.
3. To consider and act upon the appropriation not to exceed \$300,000 from the capital and non-recurring fund for the purpose of funding Phase I of the New Fairfield Library renovation.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen, acting pursuant to and in reliance on Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statues, has removed Items #1,#2 and #3 for submission to the voters by machine vote and shall be no earlier that seven (7) days, and no later that fourteen (14) days after May 2, 2012 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 12th day of April 2012.

Addition to Agenda

John Hodge made a motion to add to the agenda item #11A “Vote to accept gift on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission.” Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to accept gift from Union Savings Bank

John Hodge made a motion to accept \$2,500 with gratitude from Union Savings Bank for the purpose of partially funding the drive-in movie series at Squantz Pond. Susan Chapman 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

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)