

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 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:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that she has decided not to pursue the forensic analysis of former Selectman Monika Thiel's computer.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2012 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to accept the personnel report dated July 12, 2012 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Chris Van Steen to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Janet Loya to the Commission on the Aging. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Temporary Budget Freezes

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a settlement of a lawsuit with First Light that happened after the property underneath Candlewood Lake was reassessed. The value was raised in 2009 and the power company sued the town regarding the value of the property. A settlement was reached and it was noted that First Light has been overpaying in taxes. An adjustment has been made that will result in a shortfall of revenue of \$494,000 for 2012-2013.

First Selectman Hodge presented the following resolution for recouping the shortfall:

Pre-Payment of 2012-2013 Tax Liability	\$188,000
Municipal Aid Funding	\$107,000
Utilities	\$ 25,000
Surplus from 2011-2012	\$ 50,000
Balance not covered (freeze for 2012-2013 budget)	\$124,000

FREEZE FOR 2012-2013 BUDGET

Town \$50,000

Board of Education \$75,000

These freezes will be reevaluated after six months.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the temporary freezes to the 2012-2013 budget as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Management Agreement for tower at Tower Hill

First Selectman John Hodge noted that a Public Hearing was held immediately prior to this meeting regarding the cell tower at Tower Hill. This tower has potential as a cellular tower. The town put out a RFP for a tower management company that will find tenants for the tower. A company called Homeland Towers LLC was found for this purpose. A contract with Homeland Towers is currently being reviewed for this.

Mike Gill made a motion to authorize First Selectman John Hodge to sign the site management agreement with Homeland Towers LLC after four minor changes have been made to the contract. 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

Selectman Mike Gill noted that the Blight Ordinance is being reviewed by Town Counsel and it is hopeful that a Public Hearing regarding this will be held in August.

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the next drive-in movie will be held on Friday, July 27th at Squantz Pond and the movie is WALL-E

First Selectman John Hodge thanked Selectman Chapman for deciding not to pursue the forensic audit of former Selectman Thiel's computer.

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)