

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2012
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Members not present:

Susan Chapman, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Cynthia Ross-Zweig, Planning Commission Chairman
Bill McCann, New Fairfield Land Trust

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 thanked Chris and Kevin at the Drop-off center for their hard work in helping to find items that were erroneously thrown out by residents in their trash. Mr. Hodge thanked Winters Brothers Waste Co. for all their help in this incident too.

First Selectman Hodge noted that a drive-in movie is scheduled for Squantz Pond this Friday, August 10th. The movie is Dolphin Tale. Mr. Hodge suggested that residents check with Parks and Rec before going since it may possibly be postponed due to weather.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion to table the approval the minutes of the July 25, 2012 special meeting. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers- None

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the personnel report dated August 9, 2012 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Mike Gill made a motion to reappoint Robert Alberetti, Maureen Salerno and Roberta Ilardo to the Commission on the Aging. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approve consultant for Planning Commission- Plan of Conservation and Development

Planning Commission Chairman Cynthia Ross-Zweig spoke of the Plan of Conservation and Development that is done by the town every ten years. The Planning Commission would like to enter into negotiations with the firm of Milone and Macbroom. The commission received many positive references from other towns and it was noted that New Fairfield has worked with Milone and Macbroom in the past and was very happy with their work. There was a brief discussion about the cost of the consultant work. First Selectman Hodge noted that the Planning Commission will enter into negotiations and will come back to the BOS before signing a contract.

8-24 Referral for Barn Brook Estates

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of a new development in town called Barn Brook Estates. Mr. Hodge spoke of the parcel of land that is being development and spoke Open Space. Mr. Hodge noted that the BOS needs to request an 8-24 referral for Open Space from the Planning Commission. This project will then go to a Town Meeting to decide what is done with the land. The Planning Commission is working on a property description for the next Planning Commission meeting.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS request an 8-24 referral for the Open Space proposed by the developers of Barn Brook Estates. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of AT&T cell tower lease buyout

First Selectman Hodge noted that AT&T approached the town about buying out their lease for an amount of \$665,500 that would buy out their existing lease. This would amount to receiving approximately 12 ½ years of current rent. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of this arrangement. It was decided by the Selectmen not to take the offer from AT&T at this time.

Public Comment

Bill McCann from the New Fairfield Land Trust spoke of the Land's Trust interest in obtaining the property for Open Space for Barn Brook Estates. Mr. Hodge explained that the Planning Commission will have to give an 8-24 referral to the BOS and then go to a Town Meeting to decide what is done with this property.

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agendas- None

Adjournment

Mike Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)