

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 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

First Selectman Hodge noted that the developers of Barn Brook Estates are proposing that the town take over a parcel of land as Open Space for the development of the subdivision Barn Brook Estates. The Planning Commission has given a positive 8-24 referral for this Open Space. The document for proposal was sent to the town's Land Use Counsel Secor Cassidy for review.

Selectman Susan Chapman announced that the last Drive-In movie of the season will be held on Friday, August 24th at 6:30 at Squantz Pond. The movie is *Dolphin Tale* sponsored by Ability Beyond Disability.

Selectman Susan Chapman announced that the 9/11 ceremony for this year will be held on Sunday, September 9th at 6:30pm with a dedication of the plaque for the local victims. First Selectman Hodge encouraged everyone to read the *Citizen News* for more information regarding this.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Susan Chapman abstained)

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 subcommittee meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- John Hodge abstained)

Mike Gill made a motion to add “approval of the minutes of the July 25, 2012 special meeting” to the agenda. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2012 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Budget Transfers- Discussed and approved under the agenda item for Broadcast Server for Channel 17.

Personnel Report

Mike Gill made a motion to accept the personnel report dated August 23, 2012 as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments- None

Discussion of vote to set a Town Meeting for proposed Blight Ordinance

Selectman Mike Gill noted that he and Selectman Susan Chapman along with Building Inspector Chris Baldwin and Director of Health Tim Simpkins have been working on a Blight Ordinance for the town. This proposed ordinance was recently sent to Town Counsel Jack Keating for review. It was decided that a Public Hearing regarding this will be on Thursday, September 27th at 7:00pm. A copy of the proposed ordinance will be available in the Selectman’s office and also on the website.

Vote on additional funding for Broadcast Server for Channel 17

Ray Juskiewicz spoke of the Broadcast Servers for Channel 17 and Channel 99. Currently, the programming is done through DVD players. However, the new DVD players are now equipped with an Energy Saver feature that will go off after 30 minutes of not being used. As a result, the programming will not go on the air. Mr. Juskiewicz noted that a solution to this would be to purchase a server that will store all of the programming. The total cost of this would be \$7,833.00. The budget for Channel 17 can cover \$3,000 of this but there will be a shortfall of \$4,833. The BOE has approved to cover half of this shortfall for an amount of \$2,417.

John Hodge made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer from line item 1-001-4110-110 to line item 1-001-4110-320 in the amount of \$2,417.00 for the server for Channel 17. 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 7:47pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)