

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

MINUTES

**Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Tuesday, November 20, 2012
7:00 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37**

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Chris Baldwin, Building Inspector

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05pm. In addition to the Board of Selectmen and the Town of New Fairfield Building Inspector there were about five members of the public present. The purpose of this Public Hearing was a follow up to a Public Hearing held on September 27, 2012. Based on information and opinions from the public at the original Public Hearing, revisions were made to the ordinance and reviewed by Town Counsel. Copies of the revised ordinance were available at the Public Hearing and were posted to the Town's website.

Members of the public spoke in favor of the Anti-Blight ordinance and specifically asked how this ordinance would be enforced. It was noted that homes that may be considered blight will be inspected by Town Sanitarian and the Building Inspector. Properties that are considered blight will be given an opportunity to clean up the property but a fine will be imposed if the homeowner doesn't correct the problem. Through this Anti-Blight ordinance the town will have authority to clean up the property on behalf of the property and place a lien on the property.

First Selectman Hodge noted that the Anti-Blight Ordinance will be taken to a Town Meeting vote on Thursday, December 13th. There may be another Public Hearing on this ordinance before the Town Meeting.

Adjournment

The Public Hearing ended at 7:19pm