

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 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
 Jean Flynn, Director of Emergency Management
 Cheryl Reedy, BOF Alternate

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 8:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to transfer \$6,995.00 from the Town Properties Capital budget for a hook up box for an Emergency Generator at the Town Hall Annex. Susan Chapman seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
1,200.00	4161-332-7	Prof. Services- Legal Zoning	1,200.00	4161-332-4	Prof. Services-Legal General
1,200.00			1,200.00		

John Hodge made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Susan Chapman seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) (Requires BOF approval)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
1,008.00	4162-313-2	Intergov't Agencies-CLA	1,008.00	4163-520	General Insurance-P&C
1,008.00			1,008.00		

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to accept the personnel report dated December 13, 2012 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

The board decided to table the approval of Appointments until the next regular meeting of December 27th.

Selectman Gill noted that there are a lot of vacancies on many boards and commissions and encouraged residents to consider volunteering. First Selectman Hodge noted that the Permanent Building Committee is especially in need of volunteers preferably with construction experience.

Red Fox Crossing

Mike Gill made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Town Engineer Tony Iadarola to reduce the bond for Red Fox Crossing from \$139,500 to \$52,600. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Barn Brook Estates

John Hodge made a motion to table agenda item #10 “Discuss and possibly vote to reduce the bond for Barn Brook Estates by \$214,000” until the next regular BOS meeting of December 27th. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to set Town Meeting date for acceptance of Red Fox Court as a Town Road

John Hodge made a motion to accept the following Warning for a special Town Meeting: Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting is to be held on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purposes to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon the acceptance of Red Fox Court as a Town Maintained Road.

Dated at New Fairfield this 13th day of December 2012.

Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion on the expansion of the New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Welfare Shelter

Mike Troiano from the New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Shelter spoke of a proposal for a 550 square addition to the shelter. The proposed addition was previously approved by the Planning and Zoning commissions. This addition will still fit within the boundary of land. There was a brief discussion of the total cubic footage of the property and the water supply in case of fire.

Vote on MOA regarding Homeland Security Funding

Director of Emergency Management Jean Flynn spoke of a grant that Region 5 receives every year. This year the amount of the grant is \$507,748. A Region 5 team meets to decide how to spend the money from this grant in a way that benefits all the towns in the region.

John Hodge made a motion to take a 5-minute recess at 8:30pm to discuss the Resolution regarding MOA for Homeland Security Funding. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

The board came back from recess at 8:35pm.

John Hodge made a motion to resolve that the Board of Selectman may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and further resolve, the John Hodge, First Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. The undersigned further certifies that John Hodge now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 22, 2005. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Acceptance of Donations

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following donations totaling \$9,182.40 to New Fairfield Social Services. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Amount	Will be used toward	From
\$ 400.00	Food Pantry	Anonymous Donation
\$ 243.00	Food Pantry	Anonymous Donation
\$3,000.00	Fuel	New Fairfield Thrift Shop
\$ 500.00	Holiday Gift Cards	New Fairfield Thrift Shop
\$1,500.00	½ Food Pantry, ½ Fuel	Anonymous Donation
\$3,539.40	Food Pantry	Stop & Shop (Food for Friends)
\$9,182.40		

John Hodge made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$500.00 for the New Fairfield Senior Center with the following requests: Donor wants to remain anonymous and the money is to be used strictly for the payment of a facilitator for the Life After Loss Bereavement Group at the New Fairfield Senior Center. 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

The BOS thanked the many residents that donated toys to victims of Hurricane Sandy. Approximately 200 toys were collected.

The BOS wished everyone Happy Holidays!!

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)