

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2013  
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:**

Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Keith Landa, BOF Member  
Tom Quigley, BOF Member  
Cheryl Reedy, BOF Alternate  
Faline Schneiderman, Historic Properties Commission  
Susan Monshaw, Historic Properties Commission

**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 the BOS received a letter of resignation from Planning Commission Vice Chairman Mike Daood due to his move out of state. The entire BOS thanked Mr. Daood for his service to the town and noted that he will be sorely missed on the Planning Commission.

**Public Comment**

Candlewood Watershed Initiative Chairman Jim McAllistar spoke of his concern regarding the support and funding for the Candlewood Lake Authority and the CLA's relationship with the owner of the lake, First Light.

Bob Stryker provided First Selectman Hodge with list of questions regarding the Candlewood Lake Authority that can be answered at his convenience. Mr. Stryker asked about the plans to curb the milfoil in Candlewood Lake and the drawdown of the lake.

First Selectman Hodge gave a brief history of other issues where the CEO's around the lake have taken the lead and bypassed the Candlewood Lake Authority. He cited the Shoreline Management Plan as an example.

Mr. Hodge spoke of the relationship between CLA and First Light and the effects of doing drawdowns in the lake. Mr. Hodge noted that New Fairfield commissioned a study through Dr. George Knockline to do an independent study of Candlewood Lake and specifically whether drawdowns should be done every year or every other year. First Selectman Hodge noted that First Light has now hired Dr. Knockline to do an independent study and encouraged everyone to be patient to see how this study turns out.

Jim Mellett noted that the use of fertilize should be banned around the lake. Mr. Mellett presented First Selectman Hodge information regarding curbing gun violence.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$5,000.00. Susan Chapman seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
3,000.00	4161-332-2	Legal-Tax	5,000.00	4161-332-8	Legal-ZBA
2,000.00	4161-332-7	Legal-Zoning			
<b>\$5,000.00</b>			<b>\$5,000.00</b>		

**Personnel Report**

John Hodge made a motion approve the Personnel Report dated March 28, 2013 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

John Hodge made a motion to amend the Personnel Report to reflect that item #8 be changed to 10 weeks unpaid leave instead of six months. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote to amend motion: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on motion as amended: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Authorize the First Selectman to sign Historic Preservation Grant for Creamery**

Faline Schneiderman from the Historic Properties Commission spoke of grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$2,800 that will allow the Historic Properties Commission to do a feasibility study for the Creamery to determine if it has any integrity and value. This is a non binding grant that does not require matching funds.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign Historic Preservation grant for the Creamery in the amount of \$2,800.00. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion and vote on revised 2013-2014 budget**

First Selectman Hodge noted that there was an amount put into the 2013-2014 proposed budget for paving of roads. Since then, the price for road paving has come in significantly less than what was originally budgeted for.



Finance Director Jay Waterman noted that the BOF has asked that the town cut \$110,000 from its budget. Mr. Waterman explained specific areas that were reconfigured in order to achieve the \$110,000 adjustment. (Such document entitled BOS Recommended cuts to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

1. License plate reader- Adjustment of \$1,500.00
2. Capital and Nonrecurring- resurface of Squantz Pond Parking Lot- Adjustment of \$5,000
3. Regional Animal control- Adjustment of (\$2,672)
4. Public Works Road Repair- Adjustment of (\$115,328)
5. Fire Department Supplies- Camera- Adjustment of \$1,500

First Selectman Hodge noted that the five CEO's around the lake approached the Candlewood Lake Authority and asked them to present a budget based on each town contributing \$50,000 instead of \$61,500. The CLA has not met to approve this budget. Mr. Hodge noted that until the town receives a budget from CLA that they can agree to he would like to create a new line item entitled "Candlewood Lake Administrative Costs" and fund \$60,000 to Candlewood Lake Administrative Costs and \$1,500 to Candlewood Lake Authority. A transfer can be made once an agreeable budget is received.

First Selectman Hodge suggested taking money from Enterprise Funds and suggested taking \$50,000 from the Cell Tower Revenue and \$45,000 from the Municipal Water System Revenue. Mr. Hodge suggested using this money if needed for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, but if it is not needed, it can be added to the 2013-2014 budget year.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the BOS recommended cuts to the 2013-2014 budget as presented in the document entitled "BOS Recommended Cuts" dated March 28, 2013 which includes the establishment of a new line item entitled "Candlewood Lake Administrative Costs" and fund \$60,000 to Candlewood Lake Administrative Costs and \$1,500 to Candlewood Lake Authority (Such document to be attached to the minutes of the meeting.) Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Mike Gill made a motion to amend the previous motion to say "recommended cuts and adjustments"

**Vote on amendment: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on motion as amended: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Change in agenda**

John Hodge made a motion to move agenda #11 Public Comment to agenda #9A to put it before Executive Session. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Public Comment**

Board of Finance member Tom Quigley noted that he thought using Enterprise funds was a good idea.

Resident Bob Stryker asked about individual tax districts using the same contractors as the town for road paving to save money. First Selectman Hodge noted that if anyone wants to piggyback on the town's contractor, they should call the Selectman's office.

### **Executive Session**

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20pm to discuss a personnel issue and to invite the employee and their representative Attorney Gundelsberger into the Executive Session. Mr.

Hodge noted that he may be recusing himself from the vote and may leave the Executive Session if necessary. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

John Hodge made a motion to come back from Executive Session at 8:35pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

No votes were taken after Executive Session

**General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agendas**

None

**Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

# BOS Recommended Cuts

3/28/2013

DEPARTMENT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	FY13-14 BUDGET #	ADJUSTMENT	NEW NUMBER
Business Machines	Police Equipment	License plate reader (warranty)	\$8,750	\$1,500	\$10,250
Cap & Non	Fire Company	Repair & Resurface Squantz Parking Lot	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
Intergovernmental Agencies	Regional Animal Control	Yearly budget set by Bridgewater 1st Sel.	\$76,566 Our estimate	(\$2,672)	\$73,894
Public Works	Road Repair	Road repair based on PW Directors road plan	\$755,000	(\$115,328)	\$639,672
Fire Department	Fire Co. Supplies and Equipment	Supplies	\$16,650	\$1,500	\$18,150
				(\$110,000)	
BUDGET RECONFIGURATION	ORIGINAL BUDGET #	CHANGE TO			
Candlewood Lake Authority	\$61,523	\$1,500			
Candlewood Lake Administrative Costs		\$60,000			
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE				
Cell Tower Revenue	\$50,000				
Municipal Water System Revenue	\$45,000				



