

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

MINUTES
REVISED

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 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:

Kathy Hull, Senior Center Director
Maureen Salerno, Commission on the Aging
Linda Decker, New Fairfield Housing Trust
Tom Dube, New Fairfield Housing Trust
Tom Dube Jr., New Fairfield Housing Trust
Roger Flock, New Fairfield Housing Trust
Al Mardis, New Fairfield Housing 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 noted that he received a thank you letter from the Town of Naugatuck for the help that our Public Works Department gave to Naugatuck after the blizzard on February 8th. First Selectman Hodge thanked the Public Works Dept. for all their hard work.

First Selectman Hodge noted that the BOS and the BOE will present their budgets to the BOF this Saturday, March 2nd. The BOS presentation will begin at 10:00am and the BOE will present at 1:00pm

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24th regular meeting and the January 29th, February 4th, February 6th, February 7th, and February 21st special meetings as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Presentation by the New Fairfield Housing Trust

Maureen Salerno spoke of a private non-profit group formed by a group of citizens called the New Fairfield Housing Trust. The sole purpose of this group is to try to get affordable elderly housing in New Fairfield. Ms. Salerno introduced the members of the New Fairfield Housing Trust that were present at this meeting.

Ms. Salerno spoke of a piece of property behind the Police Station that may be viable for this project. The New Fairfield Housing Trust is seeking permission from the BOS to survey the property. The cost of this survey would be \$4,200 and it was decided that town would pay for half of the survey out of the Grants Administration line and the New Fairfield Housing Trust would pay for the other half.

First Selectman Hodge noted that Health Director Tim Simpkins walked the property and identified approximately five acres that he thought may be suitable. Some employees from the Public Works Department did some tests on the property and it appeared that the soil conditions would be conducive for the septic.

First Selectman Hodge noted that after the survey is completed, a Public Hearing and Town Meeting will be required.

Budget Transfers

John Hodge made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$39,982.00. 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	
3,500.00	4220-430-1	Fire Co. Maint & Repairs	3,500.00	4220-610	Fire Co.- Dept. M&S
1,482.00	4161-332-3	Prof. Services-Legal Labor	1,482.00	4161-332-8	Prof. Services-Legal ZBA
10,000.00	4215-130	Comm. Center-Overtime	10,000.00	4215-112	Comm. Center-PT Salaries
15,000.00	4210-130-1	Police-Overtime	5,000.00	4210-110-3	Police-T-Days/Vacation
			10,000.00	4210-317-2	Police-Other Resident Troopers
10,000.00	4310-610-3	Public Works-Snow & M&S	10,000.00	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries
\$39,982.00			\$39,982.00		

John Hodge made a motion to make a transfer of \$7,350.00 from Town Properties Capital to Town Buildings HVAC Motors. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

Mike Gill made a motion approve the Personnel Report dated February 28, 2013 as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

John Hodge noted that employee #2 is currently out on unpaid leave through the Family Medical Leave Act and has requested an additional six months leave. It was suggested that the board approve a three month leave and review at that time whether or not the additional time is necessary.

John Hodge made a motion to amend the Personnel Report to reflect that item #2 be changed to three months 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)

Vote on Small Cities Resolution

First Selectman Hodge noted that this must be approved every year.

Selectman Susan Chapman read the following into the record:

Fair Housing Resolution-Town of New Fairfield

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas; Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of New Fairfield is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of New Fairfield hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of New Fairfield or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of New Fairfield and for advising such person the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission of Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

First Selectman John Hodge read the following into the record:

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Public Law 93-3-83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of New Fairfield make application to the State for \$400,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute and Assistance Agreement therefore, should be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of New Fairfield in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman John Hodge is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance is such an Agreement is offered to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of New Fairfield.

Susan Chapman made a motion to accept the Certified Resolution of the Town of New Fairfield Small Cities Program as read. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (Fair Housing Resolution Town of New Fairfield and Certified Resolution of the Town of New Fairfield Small Cities Program documents to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Donations to Social Services Food Pantry

Mike Gill made a motion to accept the following donations to the Social Services Food Pantry as recommended by the Director of Social Services in a letter dated February 6, 2013 for a total donation of \$5,476.00. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Amount	Will be used toward	From
\$5,162.00	Food Pantry	Stop & Shop- Food for Friends Program
\$ 314.00	Food Pantry	Anonymous Donor

Renew Lease of State Land Route 39

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS authorize the First Selectman to renew the lease on the property (State Land Route 39- Little Red School House) with the State of Connecticut for a period of five years. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Emergency Contingency Evacuation Plan

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve and sign the following: "We the undersigned Selectmen of the Town of New Fairfield have read and reviewed the attached Emergency Contingency Evacuation Plan submitted by the Registrar of Voters." Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Historic Documents Preservation Grant

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, That John E. Hodge, First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract

with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Selectman Susan Chapman noted that this grant will enable the Town Clerk's office to digitize Land Use books and also scan the books to make smaller books in order to save space in the Town Clerk's office. The original books will be given to the Historical Society.

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 7:57pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Suzanne Kloos

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Received for Record _____

At 11:36 AM and recorded by

Janice D. Zackeo

Janice D. Zackeo, Town Clerk, New Fairfield, CT

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- date!*

[Use Town Letterhead]

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Adopted by the Town of New Fairfield on February 28th, 2013

John Hodge, First Selectman

Town Seal

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN OF NEW FAIRFIELD SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of New Fairfield at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on February 28th, 2013 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

_____ (Date) _____
(Janice Zackeo, Town Clerk)

(SEAL)

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