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

## <u>MINUTES</u> Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Wednesday April 3, 2013 3:00 pm Town Hall Conference Room

Members present:

John Hodge, First Selectman Susan Chapman, Selectman Mike Gill, Selectman *Other Town Officials Present:* Jay Waterman, Finance Director Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager

Call To Order First Selectman John Hodge called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

## Discuss & vote on adjustments to 2013-2014 budget

First Selectman John Hodge noted that the BOS was asked by the Board of Finance to cut \$110,000 from their proposed budget for 2013-2014. At the last regular meeting of the BOS, a vote was taken to make these cuts from various line items. Since that time, it was noted the Revaluation for 2014 cannot be postponed as originally hoped.

Finance Director Jay Waterman noted that the Assessor has asked the vendor of the Revaluation for a solid number and was told that the cost would be \$109,500. The town has set aside \$25,000 for Revaluation from the 2012-2013 budget and thus would need to cut approximately \$85,000 from the 2013-2014 proposed budget.

Selectman Mike Gill gave some suggestions for cuts to the proposed budget. There was a discussion of taking money from the Communications Towers fund and the possibility of eliminating a drive/operator position from Public Works. The savings from eliminating this position would be approximately \$75,000 per year. This would include salaries and benefits.

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS add \$85,000 for Revaluation to the Assessor's budget line and reduce the communications fund by \$10,000 with such money to go into the Capital and Nonrecurring account and the elimination of a driver/operator position from Public Works totaling \$75,000 with salaries and benefits. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

## **Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:33pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)** 

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Kloos

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