

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2013
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Don Blackwell, BOF Member
Cheryl Reedy, BOF Alternate

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 a free “Shred It” event sponsored by Company A Firehouse will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 9am to 12pm at Company A Firehouse. Residents are asked to call (203) 312-5729 for additional information.

High School Senior Paul DaSilva spoke of the Candlewood Lake Cleanup project that he is organizing as his SEE Project. The Candlewood Lake Cleanup will be held on Saturday, June 15th from 9am to 2pm. The rain date will be Saturday, June 22nd. To register for this event please go to www.candlewoodlakecleanup.org

Public Comment

Many residents of Rita Drive spoke of their concerns regarding the possibility of building affordable elderly housing near Hidden Valley and by Meeting House Hill School.

First Selectman John Hodge stressed that nothing has been done regarding this project so far and for anything to start there must first be a Public Hearing and a Town Meeting where residents will have an opportunity to air opinions and vote down the project if so desired. He urged the residents of Rita Drive to be patient and noted that this project is nowhere near a start date.

BOE Chairman Kim Hanson thanked First Selectman Hodge for all his work during his eight years in office and wished him well in all his future endeavors.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9th regular meeting and the May 15th special 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 \$5050.00. 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	
5000.00	4310-130	Public Works-Overtime	5000.00	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries
50.00	4155-610	BOAA-Materials and Supplies	50.00	4155-105	BOAA-Elected Salary
5050.00			5050.00		

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion approve the Personnel Report dated May 23, 2013 with the exception of Item #16 that will be voted on separately. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to approve Item #16 of the Personnel Report dated May 23, 2013 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 0-3-0 (Motion denied)

Vote to authorize the First Selectman to approve the tentative agreement pursuant to the re-opener provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement

John Hodge made a motion to approve the tentative agreement pursuant to the re-opener provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Council 15 Police and the Town of New Fairfield as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Contract between the Town of New Fairfield and Western CT Health Care Affiliates, Inc.

John Hodge made a motion to table this until the next regular BOS meeting. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Donations to the New Fairfield Food and Fuel Bank and Social Services Fund

Mike Gill made a motion that the BOS accept the donations to the New Fairfield Food and Fuel Bank and Social Services Fund in the amount of \$1,163.10 from various donors as listed in the document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

First Selectmen Hodge thanked everyone who donated donations to the New Fairfield Food and Fuel Bank and Social Services Fund on behalf of the town.

Public Comment

Rita Drive resident Liz Thompson spoke of her concerns of the possible building of affordable housing and stressed that that particular parcel of land is very wet.

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

None

Executive Session

John Hodge made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05pm to discuss a personnel issue. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:19pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

John Hodge made a motion that the BOS approve the contract extension of the employee discussed in Executive Session for an additional six months until December 31, 2013. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Announcement

First Selectman John Hodge thanked everyone and noted that it was an honor to serve the people of New Fairfield for the last twelve years as both First Selectman and Chairman of the Board of Finance.

Adjournment

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)