

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Thursday, December 12, 2013
7:00 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

Members not present:

Mike Gill, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager

John Hodge, BOF member

Don Blackwell, BOF member

Ken Chapman, BOE member

Call To Order First Selectman Susan Chapman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm. The purpose of this Public Hearing was to discuss the Lease/Sale of the property known as 212 Tower Road, Patterson, New York by the Town of New Fairfield to Putnam County, New York.

Former First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the history of the cell tower and the original purchase of the cell tower in Patterson, NY. Mr. Hodge spoke of the incredible radio coverage from this tower for the Town of New Fairfield especially during two recent major storms.

Mr. Hodge spoke of the desire of Putnam County to purchase this tower which would especially be beneficial to Putnam Lake, NY. Mr. Hodge noted that New Fairfield has agreed to add Putnam Lake only onto the cell tower for a six-month lease. At the end of six months, Putnam County will either buy the tower or the lease will convert to a year-long lease at \$1200/month. If Putnam County decides to purchase the tower, the agreed upon price is \$750,000.

Mr. Hodge noted that if the tower is purchased by Putnam County, New Fairfield will have a space on the tower in perpetuity for free.

Selectman Kim Hanson asked about specifics of the contract. It was also noted that this transaction does not require a Town Meeting and approval is at the sole discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman Susan Chapman thanked Mr. Hodge for all his hard work with this project.

Adjournment

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:09pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)