

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2013**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Community Room at 33 Route 37**

**Members present:**

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

**Other Town Officials Present:**

**Call To Order** First Selectman Susan Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Selectman Mike Gill reminded residents of the "Paint Care" Initiative that will be held on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Public Works Department in Danbury at 52 Newtown Road from 9am to 1pm. This collection will be solely for left over paint and not any other household waste. Anyone looking for additional information can go to the HRRA website. ([www.HRRA.org](http://www.HRRA.org))

First Selectman Susan Chapman thanked the Lions Club and everyone involved with putting together the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. It will be on Channel 17 starting Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfer**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the total amount of \$153,253.00. John Hodge seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

John Hodge made a motion to amend the previous motion to delete the \$55,838.00 transfer for Candlewood Lake Authority until an approved budget for CLA has been established. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (The new total for the transfer is \$97,415.00)

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

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

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$5,000.00	4550-343	Library-Automation	\$1,500.00	4550-110	Library-Salaries
			\$300.00	4550-430	Library-Maintenance
			\$200.00	4550-610	Library-Technical Supplies
			\$2500.00	4550-640	Library-Books & Materials
			\$500.00	4550-810	Library-Programs
\$92,451.00	4310-452		\$92,451.00	4310-451	PW-Road Repair
\$97,415.00			\$97,415.00		

### **Personnel Report**

Susan Chapman made a motion approve items #1-5 of the Personnel Report dated July 11, 2013 as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

### **Appointments**

John Hodge made a motion to reappoint Tom Edwards to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

### **Discuss of Candlewood Lake Authority budget**

Selectman John Hodge noted that the Candlewood Lake Authority is already two weeks into their fiscal year but has still not established or approved a budget. Mr. Hodge noted that the five towns surrounding the lake decided that they would hire a lake scientist to determine the status of the lake. An RFP has been put out for a lake scientist but no one has been hired as of yet. First Selectman Susan Chapman will send a letter to CLA giving them notice that the town has the invoice but has declined to act on it until a budget is established and the cost of the lake scientist has been established.

### **Discussion and vote on Town Hall Union Contract**

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the Town Hall Union Contract was sent and reviewed by Town Labor Attorney John Shea.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the agreement with Local No. 1303-213 of Council #14 AFSCME, AFL-CIO as presented in a document dated July 11, 2013. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

First Selectman Chapman noted that the pay increase for employees is retroactive to July 1, 2013.

### **Discussion and vote on subordination agreement for Small Cities grant**

First Selectman Chapman spoke of an application for a subordination from a family that has two previous subordinations in 1996 and 1999. This subordination would be for a refinance. The BOS discussed the fact that there were already two loans that have been subordinated on this house and that there are many

other people on a waiting list. It was noted that the Small Cities grant is based upon grants from the State and Federal government. No repayment is required until the house changes title.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the subordination of a Small Cities Grant as presented from Dr. Lisa Low in a document dated July 3, 2013. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

**Discussion and vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign paving contract**

Mike Gill made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with Cocchiola Paving. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

First Selectman Chapman noted that 5 out of 15 roads (2 miles) were already paved for this year.

**Discussion and vote to authorize the First Selectman to sign TC application for Historic Preservation Grant**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following: RESOLVED, That Susan Chapman, 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 a Historic Documents Preservation Grant. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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

**Addition to agenda**

Susan Chapman made a motion to add Agenda Item #13A "Acceptance of Donation". Mike Gill seconded the motion.

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

**Acceptance of Donation**

John Hodge made a motion to accept the donation of three whiskey barrels worth \$100 from Dom's Garden Center. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

**Public Comment**- None

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

Susan Chapman spoke with Library Board Chairman Gail Lehman and noted that the Library Board will be meeting with the Derx Foundation on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible donations from the Derx Foundation for the Library Renovation project.

A Public Hearing and a Town Meeting regarding the Blight Ordinance and the Historic Properties Grant will be held in the near future.

**Adjournment**

Mike Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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