

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 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:

Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Jack Keating, Town Counsel
Gail Lehman, Library Board Chairman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that Reggie Lambrech as resigned from the Youth Commission. Reggie Lambrech was a founding member of the Youth Commission in 2000. First Selectman Chapman thanked her for her many contributions to both the town and the Youth Commission.

First Selectman Chapman noted that Saturday, October 26th will be New Fairfield Day at the Senior Center. This is an opportunity for local organizations to have displays to show awareness of the many groups in town.

First Selectman Chapman announced that “Trunk or Treat” will be held on Thursday, October 31st at Squantz Pond.

First Selectman Chapman noted that there was an emergency drill for the schools on Tuesday, September 24th that was very successful. Mrs. Chapman thanked everyone involved for their cooperation.

Selectman Mike Gill noted that the final Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for the season will be held on Saturday, September 28th at the Danbury Public Works garage from 9am to 2pm. Additional information can be found on the HRRRA website or in the *Citizen News*. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection day will be in Newtown in May 2014.

Public Comment

Library Board Chairman Gail Lehman spoke of the fundraising for the library renovation project. The application for the State Library grant has been sent out and it is expected that notification will be at the end of November. The Library Board and staff met with representatives from the Derx Foundation and are awaiting information about a donation for the library.

Mrs. Lehman noted that there is now a Capital Campaign Committee made up of four patrons of the library to help fundraise for the renovation project. The first fundraising event is a Wine and Beer Tasting to be held at Castello's Restaurant in Danbury on Thursday, November 7th. Many local businesses have donated towards the expenses for this event.

To date, the library has raised over \$50,000 for this project. Pledges have been received and eight cars have been donated.

Publicity for the library project include an article published in the *Danbury News Times* and an interview on Channel 17 with Children's Librarian JoAnn Yachulke regarding the Children's Library.

Mrs. Lehman thanked the BOS for all their help and support with the project.

Approval of Minutes

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved-John Hodge abstained)

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 special meeting, September 17, 2013 special meeting and the September 20, 2013 special meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget transfers- None

Personnel Report- None

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to make the following appointments:
Julia MacMillan as an alternate to the Commission on the Aging
Stephanie Shaughnessy as a full member to the Commission on the Aging
Reappoint Faline Schneiderman to the Historic Properties Commission
Reappoint Helen Gallagher to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee
Reappoint Tim Simpkins as the Town Health Director and
Reappoint Norma Gyle to the Candlewood Lake Authority.
John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

2012-2013 Budget surplus

Accounting Manager Ed Sbordone spoke of the 2012-2013 budget surplus of approximately \$538,000. The town's surplus on the expenditure side is approximately \$194,000 and the BOE has an expenditure surplus of approximately \$20,000. For revenues the BOE surplus is approximately \$13,000 and all other revenues yielded a surplus of approximately \$227,000. From this surplus, \$320,562.45 is subtracted from the surplus since it is from the 2011-2012 reimbursement from FEMA. For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, \$137,224.10 is a FEMA receivable and \$267,221.28 is from the School Construction Grant Receivable. The total revenue surplus is \$324,223.28 which when added to the expenditure surplus of \$214,172.80

yields a surplus of \$538,396.08. It was noted that these figures are not yet audited. The audit will begin in October.

There was a brief discussion of the BOF possibly taking the BOE surplus of approximately \$33,000 and applying it to the BOE Cap & Non account.

Selectman John Hodge thanked Town Department Heads for all their hard work in managing their budgets and achieving an approximate \$194,000 surplus. The entire BOS thanked Ed Sbordone for his hard work.

There was a brief discussion among the BOS regarding uses for the surplus.

Susan Chapman made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting Required) for the 2012-2013 budget surplus subject to final audit results. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$367,083.18	301-4100-700	Unappropriated Cap & Non*	\$505,532.65	2532-001	General Fund-Unreserved
\$135,657.75	4310-451	Public Works-Road Repair			
\$2,791.72	304-3900-740	Fire Company Reserve			
\$505,532.65			\$505,532.65		

Public Works contract

First Selectman Chapman spoke of changes to the Public Works contract which includes a modification of vacation schedules for new hires, revisions for winter hours, wage increases and a tool allowance. This contract combines the Building and Grounds Department and the Highway Department and is effective for four years.

Susan Chapman made a motion that the BOS fund and approve the proposed bargaining agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and Teamsters Local 677 Department of Public Works for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to Agenda

Susan Chapman made a motion to add agenda item #10A “Discuss and possibly vote on T-Mobile contract”. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

T-Mobile Contract

Selectman John Hodge spoke of the contract with T-Mobile and noted their request for modification of T-Mobile’s position on the pole for the cell tower and other modifications. This amendment would allow T-Mobile to include improvements for essentially no additional rent. Mr. Hodge spoke of many

modifications and several issues that would affect the lease with T-Mobile and suggested that this issue be turned over to Town Counsel for further review.

First Selectman Chapman noted that T-Mobile is currently in arrears with their current contract.

John Hodge made a motion to approve the amendment to the T-Mobile lease as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 0-0-3 (Motion denied)

Public Comment- None

General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agendas- None

Executive Session

Susan Chapman made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10pm to discuss pending litigation and to invite Town Counsel Jack Keating into the Executive Session. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:25pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Adjournment

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)