

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 24, 2013**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Community Room at 33 Route 37**

**Members present:**

Susan Chapman, First Selectman  
Mike Gill, Selectman

**Members not present:**

John Hodge, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Ken Chapman, BOE Vice Chairman  
Wes Marsh, BOF Chairman  
Cheryl Reedy, BOF Alternate

**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 the Police Department is hosting a “Take Back Drugs” day on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm in the lobby of the Police Department. Old medications can be brought in at that time.

First Selectman Susan Chapman announced that “New Fairfield Day” will be held this Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 4pm at the Senior Center. Parking is available at either Veterans Field or at Stop and Shop and shuttle buses will be available.

“Trunk or Treat” will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at Squantz Pond. Anyone bringing candy must arrive by 5:45 and must stay the whole time. Trick or Treating will begin at 6pm.

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the governor has announced that there will be an “Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Program” for anyone with damage from Super Storm Sandy. Assistance is ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000 to replace and mitigate home damage not covered by insurance or FEMA. Four offices will be opened throughout the area in Fairfield, East Haven, Milford and Norwalk.

Selectman Mike Gill thanked the Derx Foundation for their donation of three defibrillators for the Fire Department.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2013 special meeting and the October 10, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Budget Transfers**

Susan Chapman noted that at the last BOF meeting, there was a discussion about the possibility of taking approximately \$50,000 from the Communication Tower Fund and moving it to the Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring Fund. First Selectman Chapman noted that approximately \$10,000 of the Communication Tower Fund is needed for repairs to the tower. It was decided that it would be easier to wait until the upcoming budget season to sweep this account so that a Town Meeting is not necessary. It was noted that after this fiscal year, approximately \$50,000 could be swept into the Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring Fund. It was noted that there may be some other accounts that can be swept as well.

### **Personnel Report**

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated October 24, 2013 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Appointments**

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Jeannette Sweeney as an Alternate member to the Commission on the Aging. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Vote on Town Meeting date**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Warning for a Town Meeting:  
Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Town of New Fairfield and those qualified to vote at Town Meetings that a Town Meeting is to be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at 33 Route 37 for the following purposes to wit:

1. To consider and take action upon authorization to apply the 2012-2013 Town budget surplus of \$369,874.90 as follows: \$367,083.18 to Unappropriated Cap & Non and \$2,791.72 to the Fire Co. Reserve as verified by the audit and approved by the Board of Finance.

Dated at New Fairfield this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013.

Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Vote for Grant for Local Alcohol, Tobacco and other drug abuse prevention council**

Susan Chapman noted that this grant is received every year and is used for a variety of programs for drug and alcohol prevention.

Mike Gill made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign the grant application for the Local Alcohol, Tobacco and other drug abuse prevention council. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Addition to agenda**

Susan Chapman made a motion to add to the agenda item #10A "Discuss and possibly vote on release of claim against Sherwin Williams". Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on release of claim against Sherwin Williams**

Selectman Mike Gill noted that this claim is in regard to a lawsuit that the Town of New Fairfield had filed against Sherwin Williams Co. for the paint for the Historic Houses.

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the first selectman to sign the release of a claim against the Sherwin Williams Co. in exchange for \$3,000 credit from Sherwin Williams subject to Town Counsel's approval of the settlement. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Public Comment**

Board of Finance Chairman Wes Marsh spoke of the Communications Tower maintenance and spoke of the approximate \$50,000 that should be left in this account at the end of the year and noted that the BOF would like to sweep this into the Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring Account.

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

Selectman Mike Gill announced that Election Day is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all eligible voters to get out and vote.

**Adjournment**

Susan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)**