

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
6:00 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

Call To Order First Selectman Susan Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Susan Chapman announced that the 1st Annual New Fairfield Day held on Saturday, Oct. 26th and the Trunk or Treat held on Thursday, Oct. 31st were both very successful.

The town Tree Lighting and the Holiday Light Parade will be held on Saturday, November 30th.

The Board of Education received a matching grant in the amount of \$157,000 for security.

First Selectman Susan Chapman announced that the Selectman's Secretary Diana Peck is retiring and thanked her for her service. Selectman John Hodge thanked Mrs. Peck for her 41 years of service to the Town of New Fairfield as both the Town Clerk and the Selectman's Secretary.

A Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14th at 7:00pm for final budget transfers.

Public Comment

Jacques and Kathy Proteau spoke of the potential draw down of the bond for Wild Turkey Estates and asked the board to table the vote until the disputed bill can be explained.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

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

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00. John Hodge seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.) **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers (con't)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$10,000.00	4310-120	Public Works-Seasonal	\$10,000.00	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries
\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$9,471.69. Mike Gill seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$8,832.69	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries	\$9,471.69	4160-140	Unclass. P & B –Salary Adj.
\$639.00	4310-130	Public Works-Overtime			
\$9,471.69			\$9,471.69		

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$4,916.00 from Town Properties Capital for a new front door at the Senior Center. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

John Hodge made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated November 13, 2013 as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments- None

Board of Selectman’s calendar of meetings 2014

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the calendar of meetings for 2014 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Barn Brook Estates bond reduction

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the bond reduction as recommended by the Planning Commission for Barn Brook Estates from \$175,000 to \$58,900. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Draw down on bond for Wild Turkey Estates

There was a discussion of the outstanding bill for engineering fees for Wild Turkey Estates. First Selectman Chapman noted that this bill has been outstanding for over a year. A letter was sent on behalf of the builder from their attorney and a response was sent from Town Counsel Jack Keating noting that this bill needs to be paid. It was noted that the Town Engineer has been paid and that this bill is owed to

the Town of New Fairfield. Selectman John Hodge spoke of extensions that has been made for this project and suggested that the builders be given a couple of weeks to pay this bill.

John Hodge made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to draw down the amount of \$2,304.00 on the bond of Wild Turkey Estates on December 7, 2013 (or first business day thereafter) if the outstanding bill for Engineering fees has not been paid or resolved to the town's satisfaction by that time. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Assistant Agreement with the State of Connecticut

First Selectman Chapman noted that this resolution was needed in order to authorize her to sign for the Small Cities Grant.

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Resolution:

Whereas Federal monies have been made available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93-3 83 as amended; and

Whereas pursuant to Chapter 127c and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

Whereas, in 2013 the Town of New Fairfield has been awarded \$400,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement upon award.

Now, Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Selectman of the Town of New Fairfield

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the First Selectman, Susan Chapman, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance; to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of New Fairfield.

John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

First Selectman Chapman noted that a grant has been received from FEMA to replace the generator at Company A Firehouse. The approximate value of this generator is \$81,000.00. A special BOS meeting will be held on Friday, November 15th to set a date for a Town Meeting to accept this grant.

Town Consent Adoption Agreement

Selectman Mike Gill spoke of the collection of electronic recycling. An RFP was put out by HRRR for a new firm to collect the recyclables in the region. A company called Ecco out of Vessel, NY was chosen but is going out of business. Their business is being transferred to Newtech Recycling in Somerset, NJ.

HRRA is transferring from Ecco to Newtech and is asking any of the municipalities that signed a consent agreement with HRRA to sign a new consent agreement with Newtech. HRRA is going to have a 90 trial with Newtech and will go out for a new RFP if it doesn't meet performance.

Mike Gill made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Town Consent Adoption agreement between the Town of New Fairfield and HRRA to allow Newtech to take over the contract for collection of Ewaste. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Public Comment

Kathy Proteau spoke of the bill for engineering fees for asked for an accurate accounting of fees. Selectman John Hodge asked that since they are represented by counsel that they should have their attorney contact the Town Attorney.

Executive Session

Susan Chapman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35pm to discuss Communication Tower space lease negotiations. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:46 pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

First Selectman Susan Chapman and Selectman Mike Gill thanked outgoing Selectman John Hodge for all his hard work and dedication to the town for the past eight years.

Selectman John Hodge thanked his fellow Selectman and the entire town for the opportunity to serve.

Adjournment

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)