

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

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 28, 2014
7:30 PM
Community Room at 33 Route 37

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Cynthia Stevens, Ball Pond Advisory Committee Chairman
Larry Marsicano, Candlewood Lake Authority Executive Director
Various members of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee

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 announced that the town's 9/11 ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 7th at 7:00pm at the Senior Center parking lot.

First Selectman Susan Chapman announced the 2nd annual "New Fairfield Day" will be held on Saturday, September 20th with a rain date of Sunday, September 21st.

Public comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gill made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2014 and the August 14, 2014 special meetings as presented. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve a transfer of \$13,380.40 from Town Properties Capital Budget for the following uses: \$3,500.00 (Repair Gazebo), \$1,200.00 (Repair Dormers at the Senior Center, \$6293.40 (Replace carpet in Community Room) and \$2,387.00 (Replace Carpet in the Town Clerk's office). Kim Hanson. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Personnel Report

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated August 28, 2014 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Appointments

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint Kathy Hull and Cindy LaCour to the Commission on the Aging. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Susan Chapman made a motion to appoint Pat DelMonaco, John Hodge and Cynthia Stevens to the Shoreline Stabilization Committee. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to approve the application for a DEEP grant for Ball Pond

Ball Pond Advisory Committee Chairman Cynthia Stevens spoke of grant application for a DEEP grant in order to do a statistical analysis for carp to control evasive species for Ball Pond. Ms. Stevens noted that the "Friends of Ball Pond" will pay for the matching part of this grant in the amount of \$9,250.00. Ms. Stevens noted that a proposal will be prepared for the First Selectman's signature and will be is due to the state by September 15th at 4:00pm.

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the DEEP grant for Ball Pond Grass Carp project to control evasive species. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to approve applying for a DEEP grant for Candlewood Lake

Candlewood Lake Authority Executive Director Larry Marsicano spoke of applying for a grant to control evasive species on Candlewood Lake by stocking the lake with grass carp. The cost of this project would be approximately \$50,000. It is hopeful that there will be some matches with in kind services. The CLA is looking for authorization from all five towns that surround the lake. Mr. Marsicano noted that many of the other towns have already expressed support for this project.

The CLA has been in contact with First Light regarding this project.

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to authorize the Candlewood Lake Authority to submit on behalf of the town a proposal for funds for a grant for aquatic evasive species control. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion and vote to hire an additional dispatcher

First Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of the possibility of hiring an additional dispatcher. Dispatch Supervisor Dan McDermott submitted a proposal noting that a fourth dispatcher would save the town money spent on overtime. It was noted that any hiring must be negotiated with the

union. There was a brief discussion of possibly having a separate dispatch supervisor or a lead supervisor.

Susan Chapman made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into negotiations with the Dispatch Union to hire a fourth dispatcher. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of budget surplus

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the budget surplus for the year ended 2013-2014 is approximately \$572,000. The board discussed possibilities for this surplus that they will recommend to the Board of Finance before their next meeting on September 17th.

Some possibilities for the surplus include an engineering study to replace the AC unit at the Police Dept. and repairing of the headwall at the intersection of Hudson and Harmony Roads, fixing the creamery and possibly moving the Parks and Rec Department there and putting the Town Clerk's vault where the Parks and Rec Department is currently. Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the possibility of putting some of the surplus into Candlewood Lake.

The BOS decided that they will have a special meeting in the near future to decide on recommendations for the surplus.

Public comment- None

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

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of an email received from BOE Chairman Scott Akam regarding the possibility of discussing that the town is taxing itself in regard to business property. Susan Chapman noted that she emailed the Assessor to get his opinion on this.

Adjournment

Mike Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)