

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

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2015
7:00pm
Town Hall Conference Room

Members present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman

Members not present:

Kim Hanson, Selectman

Other Town Officials Present:

Wes Marsh, Board of Finance Chairman
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Michael Cammarota, Board of Finance member
Bruce Taylor, Fire Dept. Chief
Sean Breslin, Fire Dept.
Rich Kilinka, Fire Dept.
Bud Korol, Fire Dept.

Call To Order First Selectman Susan Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund Discussion

Fire Chief Bruce Taylor and members of the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the reserve fund and apparatus costs for the Fire Dept. Prior to 1991 the Town contributed 50% to the reserve fund and the Fire Dept. contributed the other 50%. Currently, the Town funds 75% of the cost and the Fire Dept. contributes 25%. The Fire Dept. noted that it is getting more and more difficult to come up with the 25% contribution and provided the board with statistics regarding the increase in costs of specific apparatus and the decline in revenues for the Fire Dept. The main source of revenue for the Fire Dept. is through the Annual Letter Drive and it was noted that in recent years the amount received has decreased. Additionally, the Fire Dept. provided the board with a cost analysis for apparatus through the year 2040.

Selectman Mike Gill spoke of both the Town and the Fire Dept.'s responsibility to contribute to apparatus. It was decided that the Board of Selectmen will discuss this with the Board of Finance. The Fire Department was asked to come up with a percentage figure of how much they can contribute. The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Fire Dept. to discuss this further in early September.

Adjournment

Mike Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-0-0 (Motion approved)