

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2015**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Community Room at 33 Route 37**

**Members present:**

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

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Pam Dohan, Town Clerk  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Don Blackwell, BOF member  
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief  
Pete Benzinger, Fire Dept.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence & Announcements**

First Selectman Susan Chapman thanked the fire dept and everyone involved in helping to put out the brush fire over Labor Day weekend.

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that “New Fairfield Day” will be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm.

First Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of a request by parents at a recent Board of Education meeting for an inspection of the high school with drug sniffing dogs. First Selectman Chapman assured residents that this will be done.

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Kim Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 regular meeting and the August 17, 2015 and September 1, 2015 special meetings as presented. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion of budget surplus**

The BOS met last week for a workshop on what to do with the budget surplus in the amount of \$691,565.89 for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The following will be recommended to the Board of Finance at for their September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: Digitize land records and Town Clerk records, resident state trooper shortfall due to the change in the State budget, a new truck for Public Works and updating of the Policy

and Procedures manual for by the Board of Finance. It was recommended by the BOS that surplus from the Fire Department be put into the Fire Company reserve fund.

Town Clerk Pam Dohan spoke of the process for digitizing the records for the Town Clerk and spoke of the vendor and noted that it could take approximately 1 ½ years.

**Budget Transfers**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation-(Town Meeting required) in the amount of \$691,565.89. Kim Hanson seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$250,000.00	4210-317-2	Police-Other Resident Trooper	\$691,565.89	2532-001	General Fund-Unreserved
\$190,000.00	3010-4330-742	Cap & Non-PW Trucks and Equipment			
\$130,000.00	3010-4120-740	Cap & Non-Town Clerk/Land Records			
\$40,000.00	4310-742	PW Trucks and Equip. Maintenance & Repairs			
\$35,000.00	4210-317	Police-Resident State Trooper			
\$20,000.00	4151-336	Board of Finance-Town Audit			
\$16,735.70	304-3900-740	Fire company reserve			
\$9,830.19	301-4330-742-1	Cap & Non-Bridge & Drainage			

**Personnel Report**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated September 10, 2015 as presented. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-1 (Motion approved- Kim Hanson abstained)**

**Appointments**

Susan Chapman made a motion to reappoint John Brown to the Zoning Commission. Kim Hanson seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Donations**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve a \$100.00 donation from Emanuele George Sabino, Jr. and a \$50.00 donation from Alice and Michael Keenan to the Senior Center. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Donations (con't)**

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve a \$250.00 donation from Union Savings Bank, North East Irrigation and Mitchell Oil to the Turkey Run. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion and vote to approve the purchase a new Engine 12 for the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Dept.**

Pete Benzinger from the Fire Department spoke of the need to replace Fire Engine 12 for the Squantz Fire Department. He noted that there was approximately \$560,000 in the reserve fund for the fire department and spoke of two bids that were received for this truck. There was a brief discussion of the age of the old fire truck and the expected life of the new truck. It was noted that the policy is for the town to pay 75% of the cost of the truck and the fire dept. will fund 25% of the truck out of the reserve fund.

First Selectman Chapman thanked the fire department for all their hard work in researching this purchase.

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$378,750.00 from the reserve fund for a new fire truck Squantz Pond Fire Department. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion and vote to add nine additional plots to the Community Garden**

Gary Mummert spoke of the success of the community garden for its first year and noted that 12 garden beds were put in. Mr. Mummert provided drawings and requested an additional nine plots. These additional plots would not require an additional water source and minimal fundraising would be required. It was noted that over 30 pounds of vegetables have been donated to New Fairfield Social Services this season.

Susan Chapman made a motion to approve an additional nine plots at the Community Garden. Mike Gill seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**General Discussion: Items to be brought up by selectmen for future agendas-** Selectman Mike Gill asked for an update on the Creamery in the near future.

**Adjournment**

Kim Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Susan Chapman seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**